Memory Management with `mmap`

What if we use **`mmap`** instead of **`malloc`** always?

✗ Wasteful — ***low utilization***

need 16 bytes, get 4096

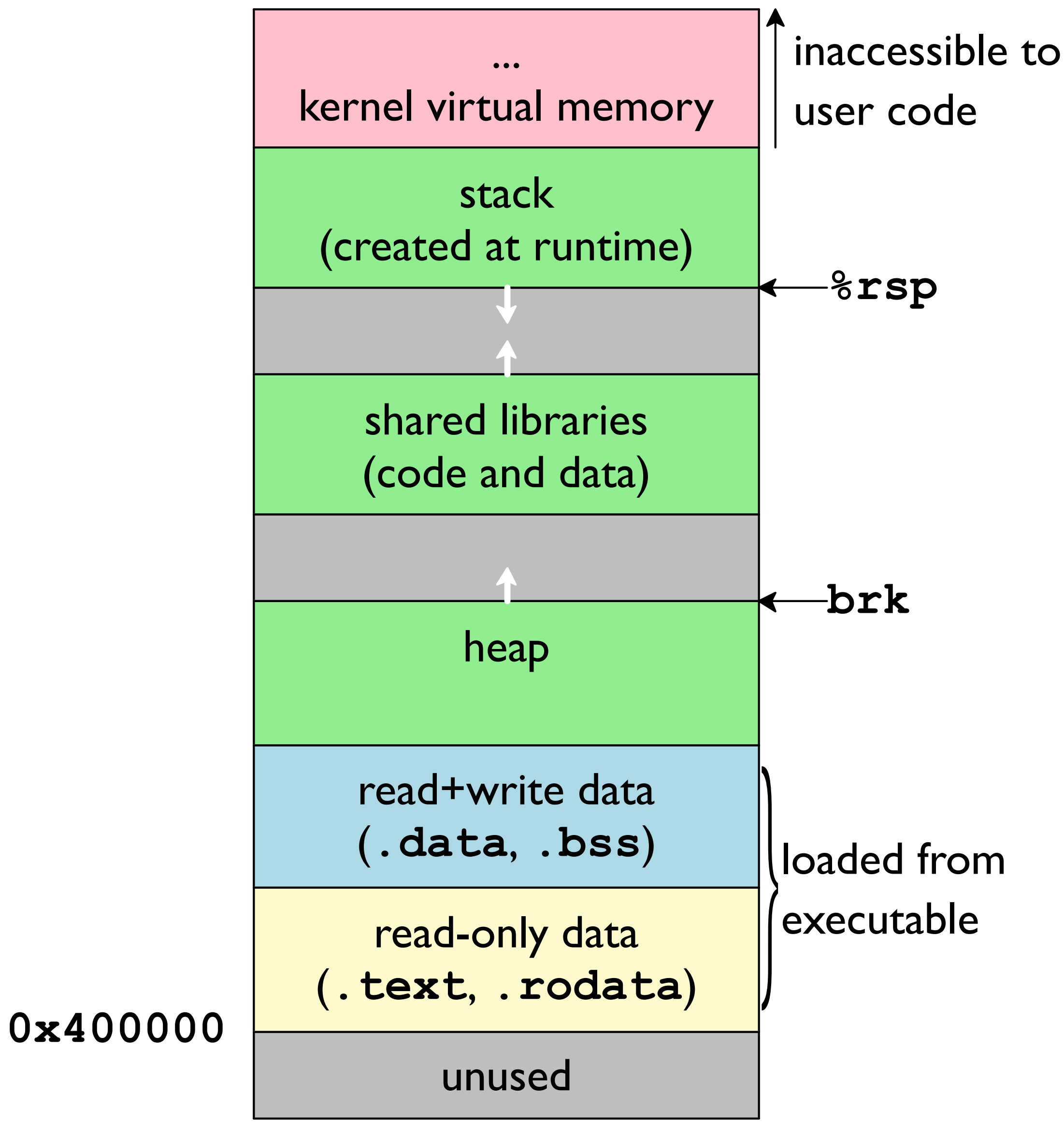
✗ Slow — ***low throughput***

have to interact with kernel every time,
and those 4096 bytes are all zeroed

✗ Complicated

have to remember the size to unmap

Process Memory Layout



Memory Management with `sbrk`

```
#include <unistd.h>

void *sbrk(intptr_t increment);
```

Grows the ***program break***, a.k.a. **`brk`**, and returns the old program break

Effectively, allocates **`increment`** bytes

Do not use **`sbrk`** in a program that also uses **`malloc`** or anything that calls **`malloc`** (such as **`printf`**)

Memory Management with `sbrk`

What if we use **`sbrk`** instead of **`malloc`** always?

✓ Economical — ***good utilization***, at first

need 16 bytes, get 16

✗ Somewhat slow — ***somehat low throughput***

have to interact with kernel every time

✗ Complicated

have to remember the size to unsbrk(?)

✗ Inexpressive — ***low utilization*** when done with data

at best, can free last chunk allocated

Standard C Allocation

```
#include <stdlib.h>

void *malloc(size_t size);
void free(void *p);

void *calloc(size_t count, size_t size);
void *realloc(void *p, size_t new_size);
```

`malloc` allocates at least **`size`** bytes

`free` accepts a pointer (just once) from **`malloc`**

behind the scenes: **`mmap`** or **`sbrk`**, maybe **`munmap`**

`calloc` is multiply, then **`malloc`**, then **`bzero`**

`realloc` is **`malloc`**, then **`memcpy`**, then **`free`**

maybe with a shortcut

Allocation Example

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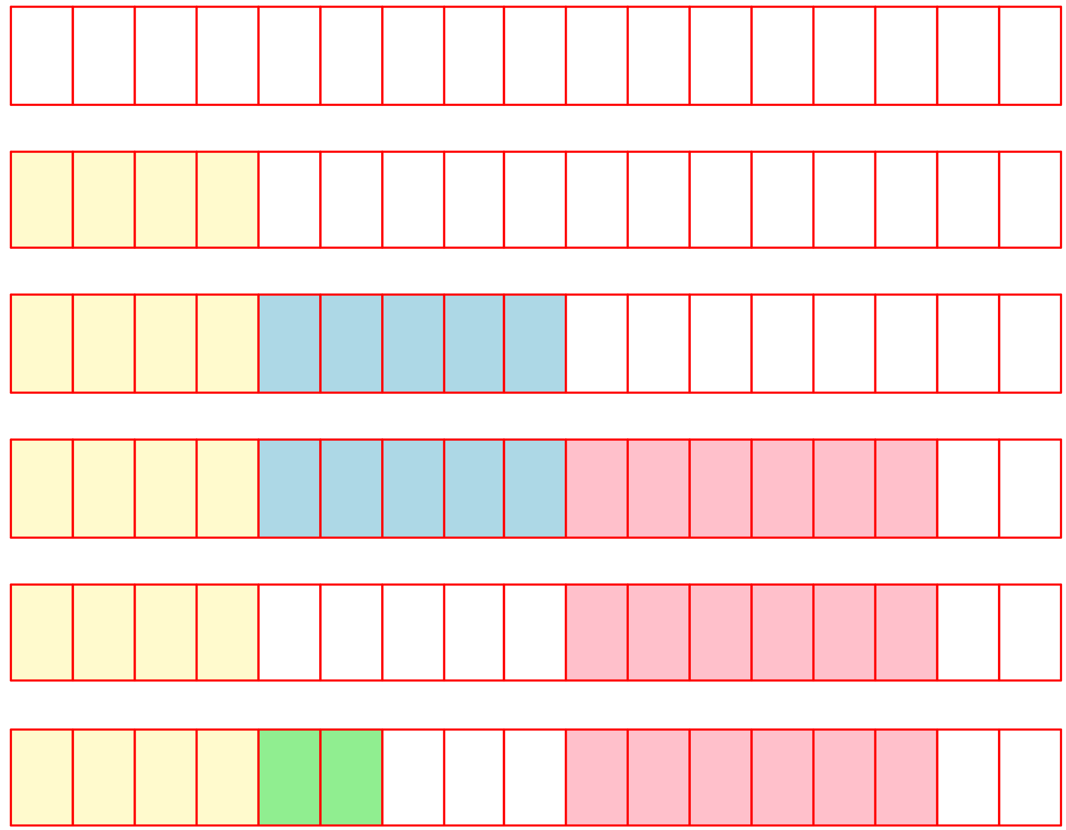

Allocation: Application Side

Rights:

- Call freely interleave **`malloc`** and **`free`**

Responsibilities:

- Must write to only allocated (not-yet-freed) blocks
- Must call **`free`** only once on each **`malloc`** result
- Must call **`free`** enough to limit memory use

Allocation: Allocator Side

Rights:

- Can pick arbitrary virtual addresses

within alignment constraints

Responsibilities:

- Must accept any size request
- Must accept any number of requests
- Must return non-overlapping blocks
- Must not write to allocated (not-yet-freed) blocks
- Must respond immediately (i.e., can't reorder requests)

Allocation: Performance Goals

Utilization — use as few pages as possible

$$\text{measure as } \frac{\text{aggregate payload}}{\text{pages used}}$$

- `malloc(`n`)` ⇒ ***payload*** size n
- Sum of n not yet `freed` = ***aggregate payload***

Throughput — `malloc`/`free` as fast as possible

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Allocator Design Questions

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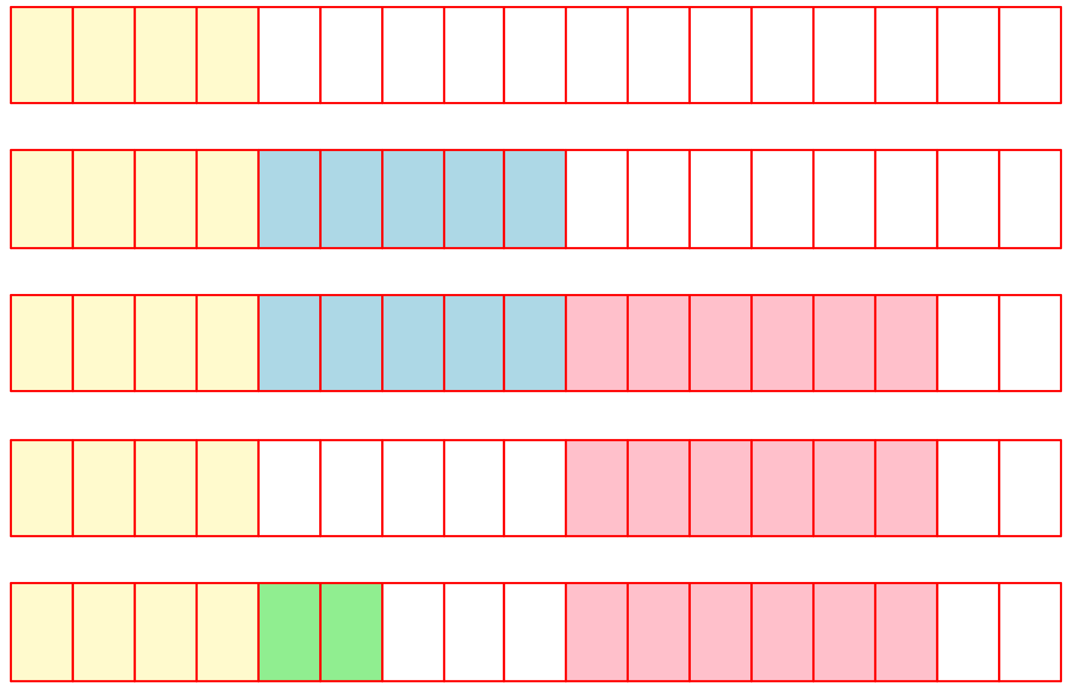

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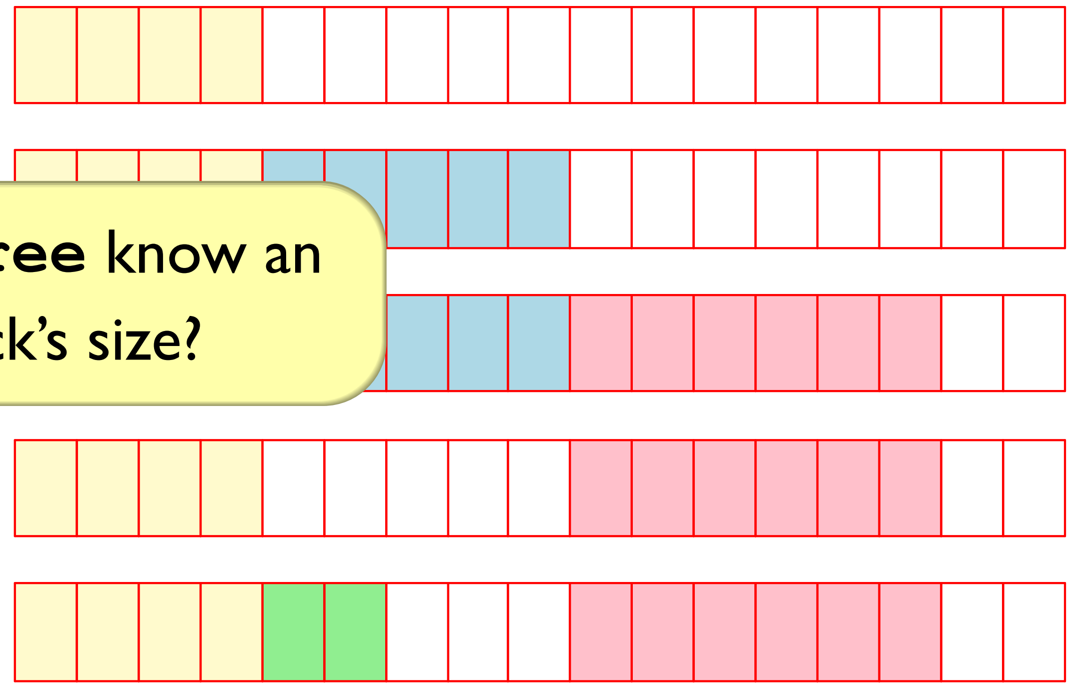

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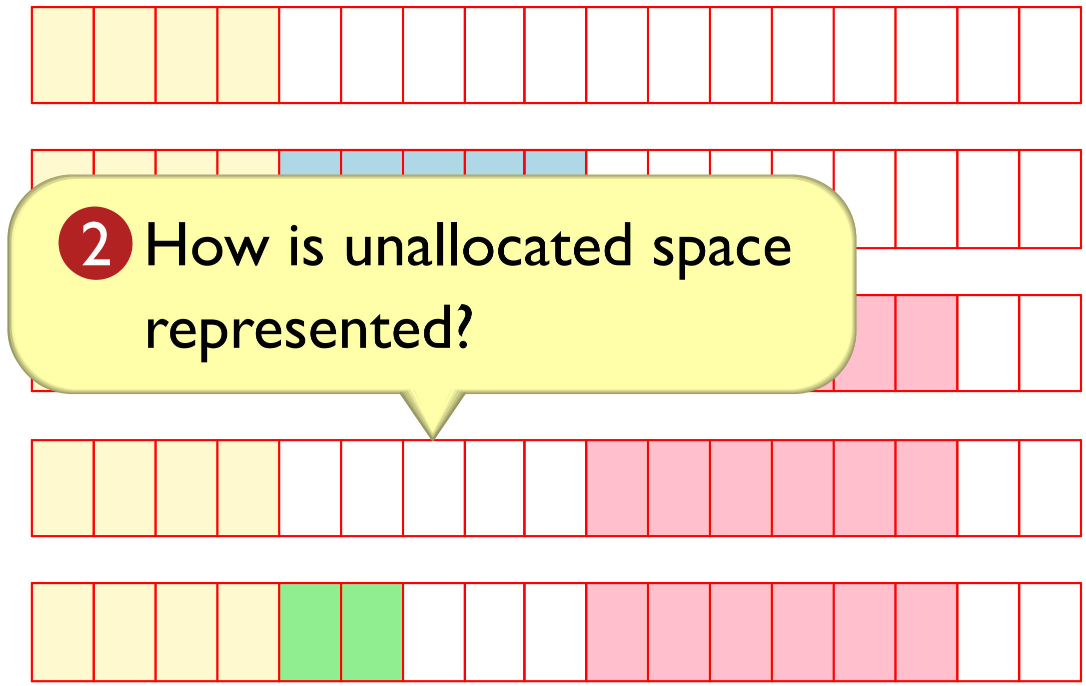

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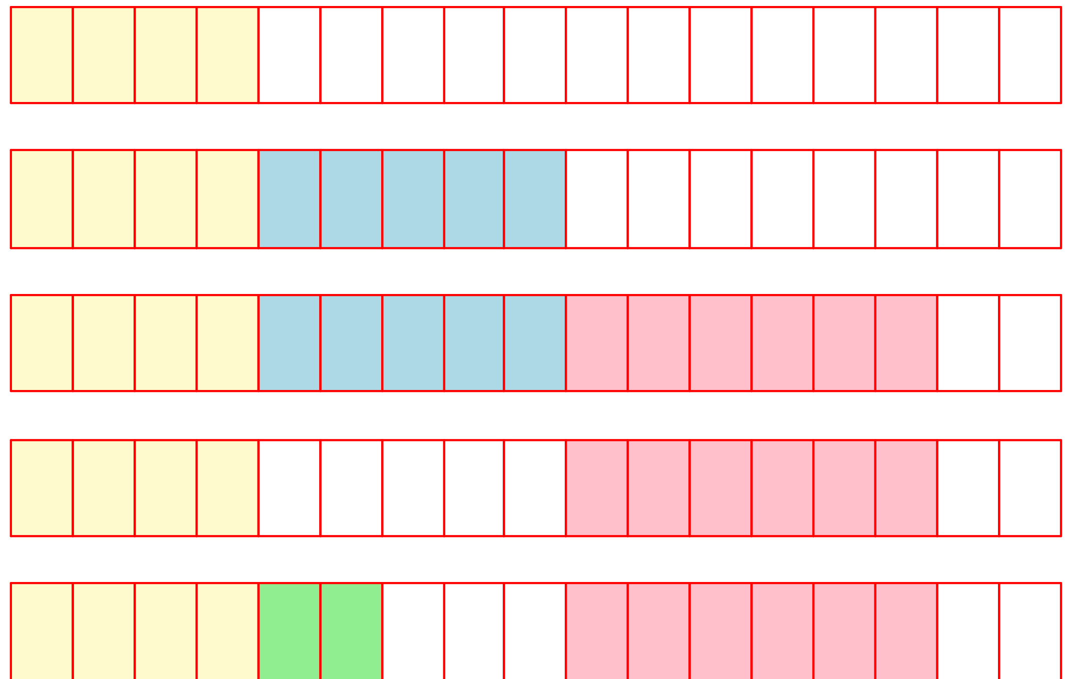

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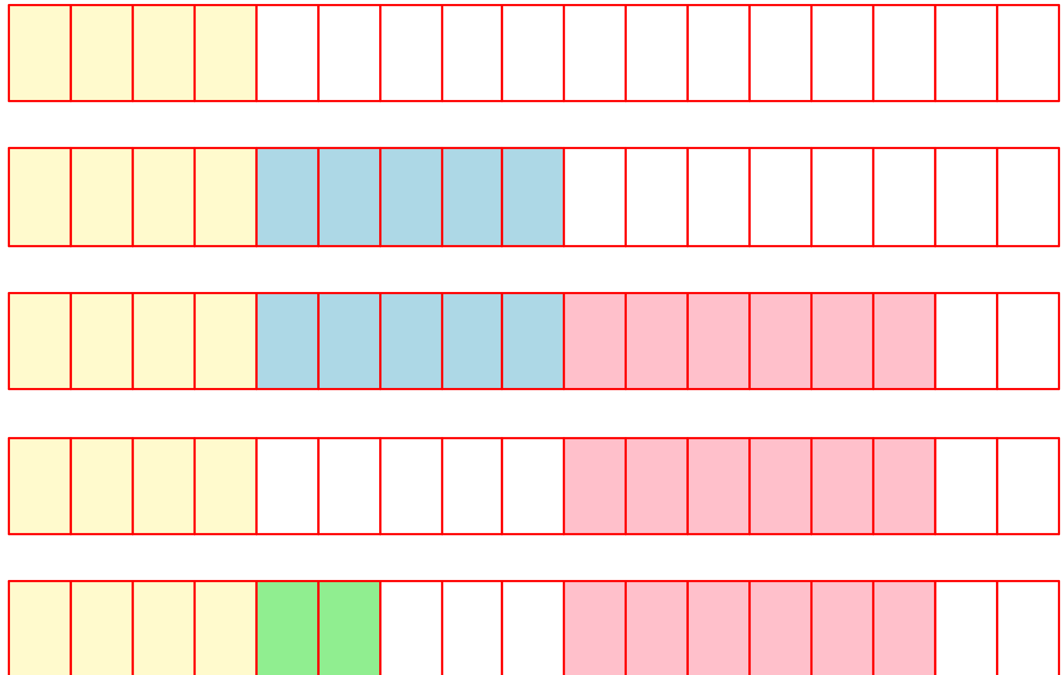

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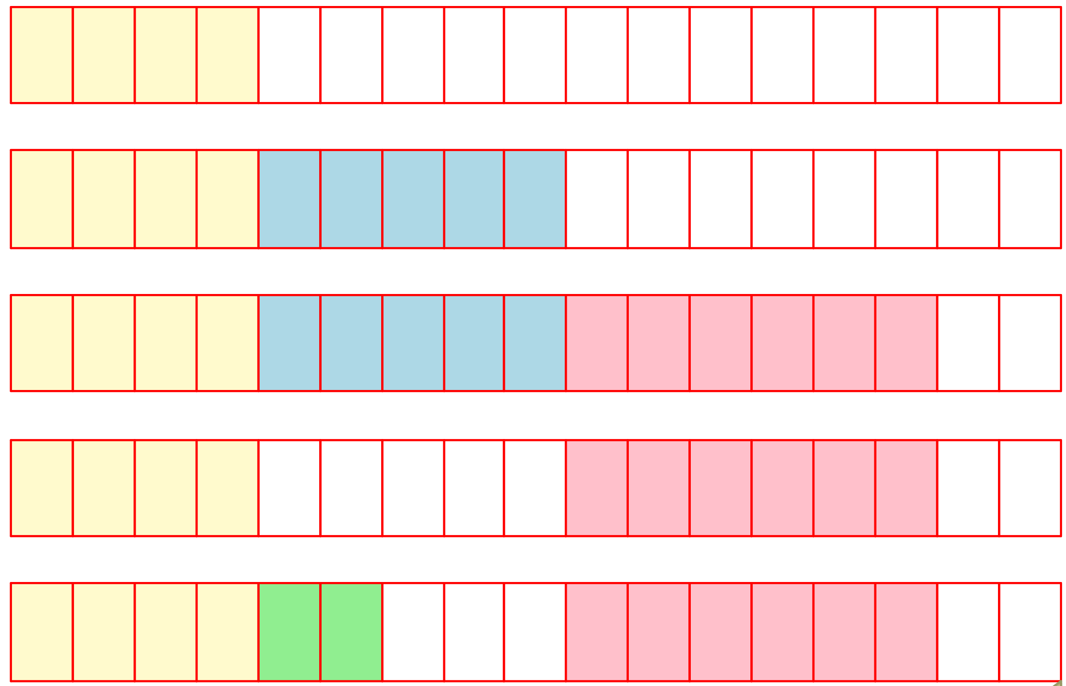

5 When are more pages needed from the kernel?

Allocator Design Questions

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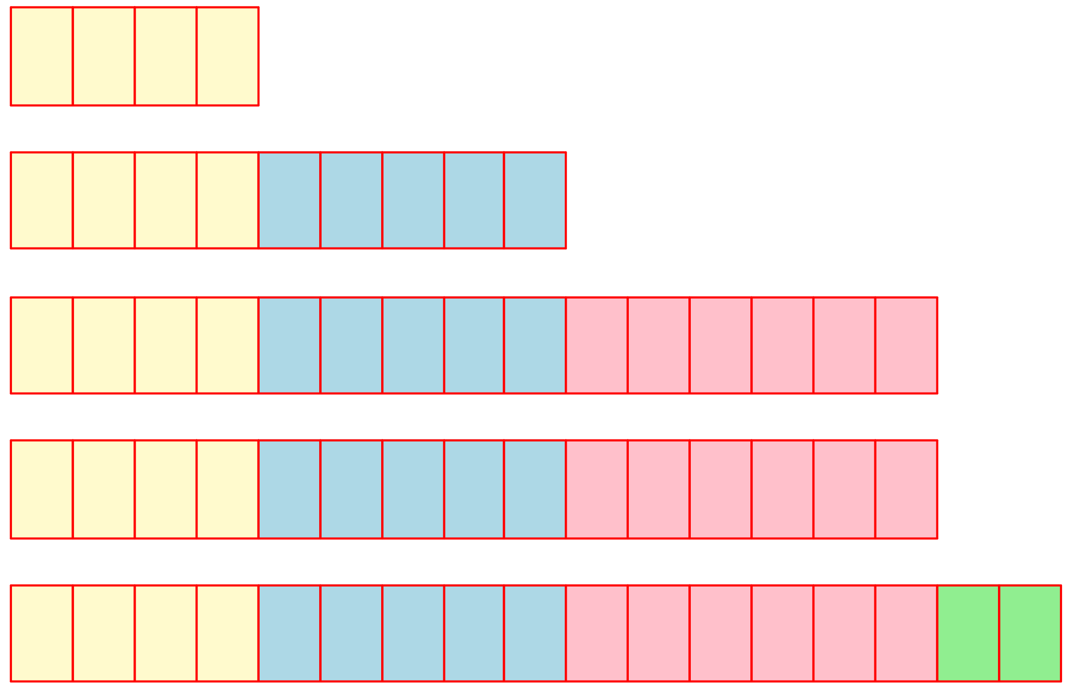

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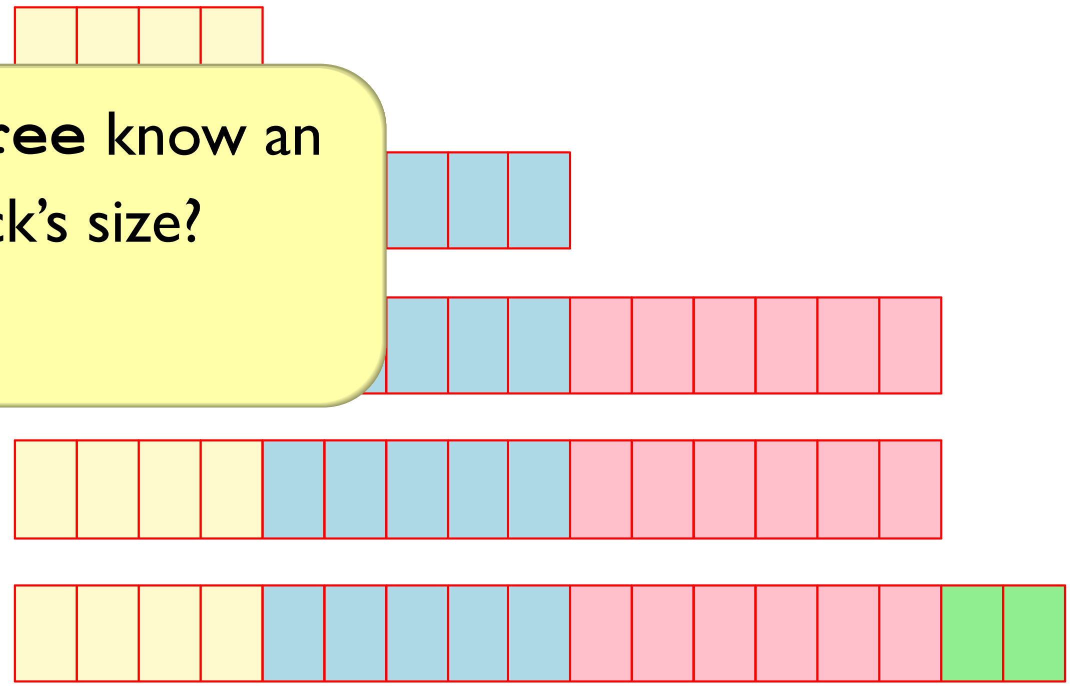

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It doesn't

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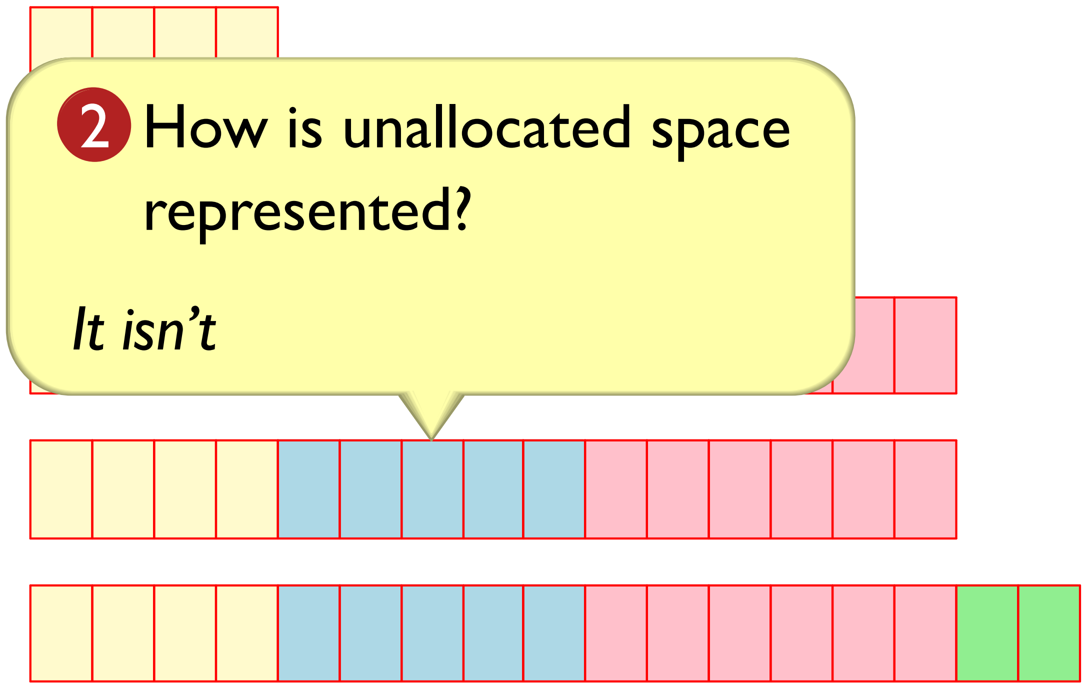

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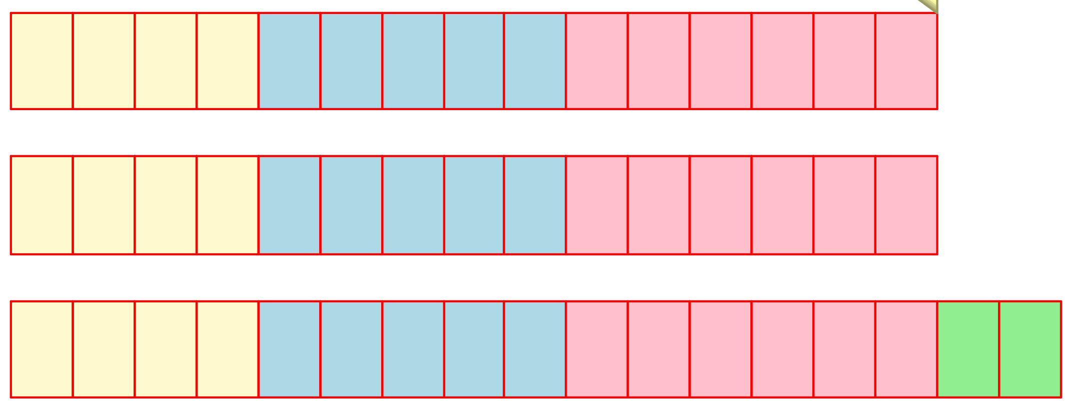
Always add to the end



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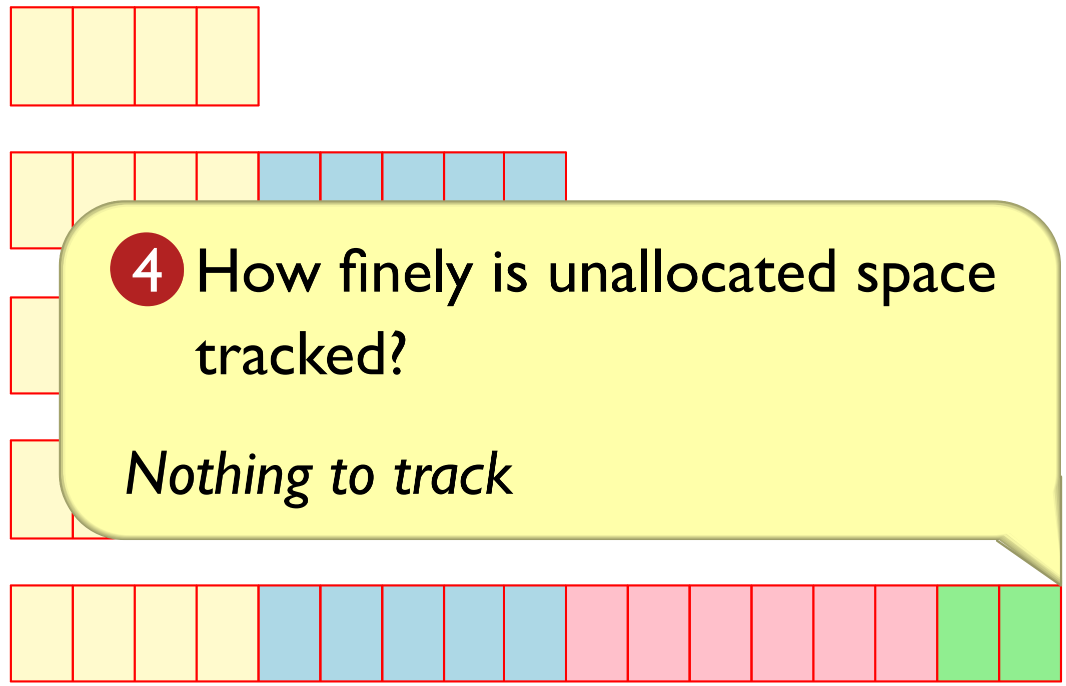

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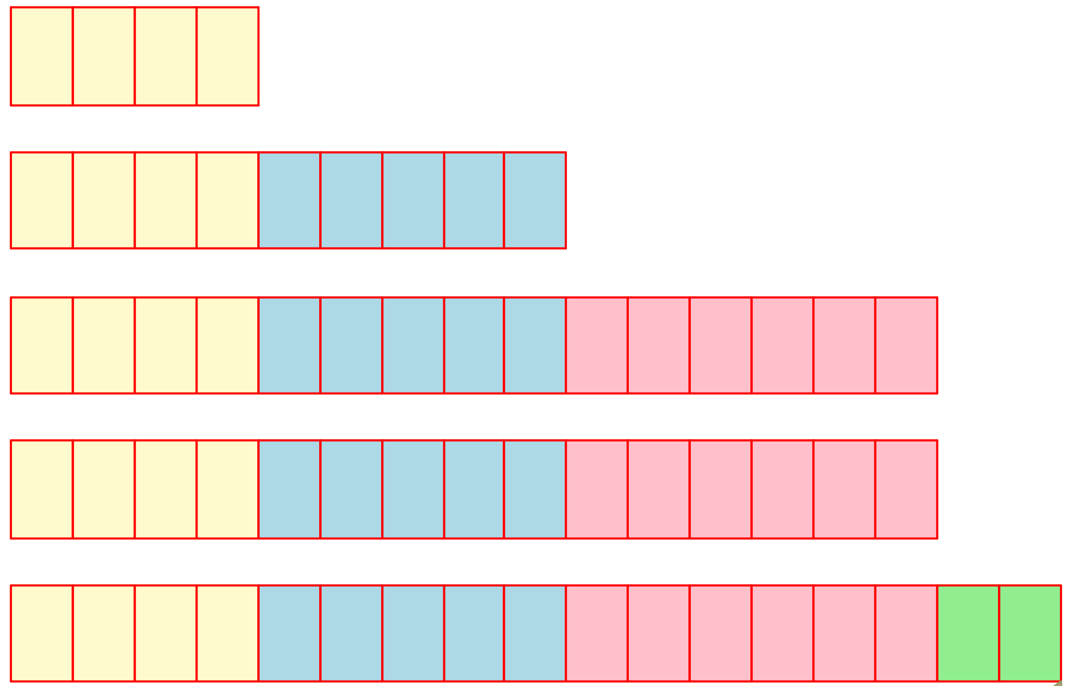

5 When are more pages needed from the kernel?

Every allocation

Naive `sbrk` Allocator

Real allocator needs to produce pointers aligned on 16 bytes:

```
#define ALIGNMENT 16
#define ALIGN(size) (((size) + (ALIGNMENT-1)) & ~(ALIGNMENT-1))
```

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```
void *mm_malloc(size_t size) {
  return sbrk(ALIGN(size));
}

void mm_free(void *p) {
}
```

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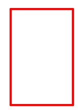
4 How finely is unallocated space tracked?

Some unallocated space can be left in a block for alignment padding

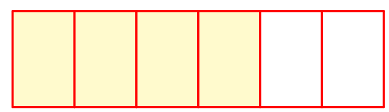
Picture Conventions

Since an implementation aligns to 16 bytes:

 = 16 bytes, a “word”

$\underline{N}$ = $N\times 16$ bytes

`p1 = malloc(4)`



allocation of 64 bytes

Naive Chunked `sbrk` Allocator

Chunk size of 6:

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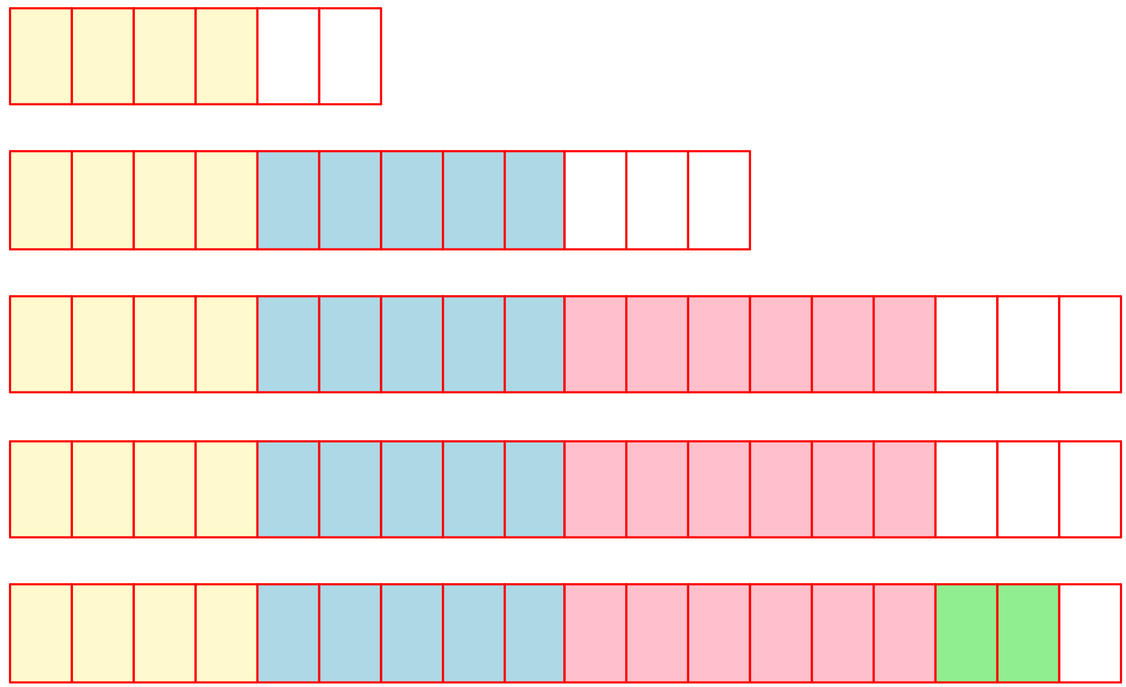

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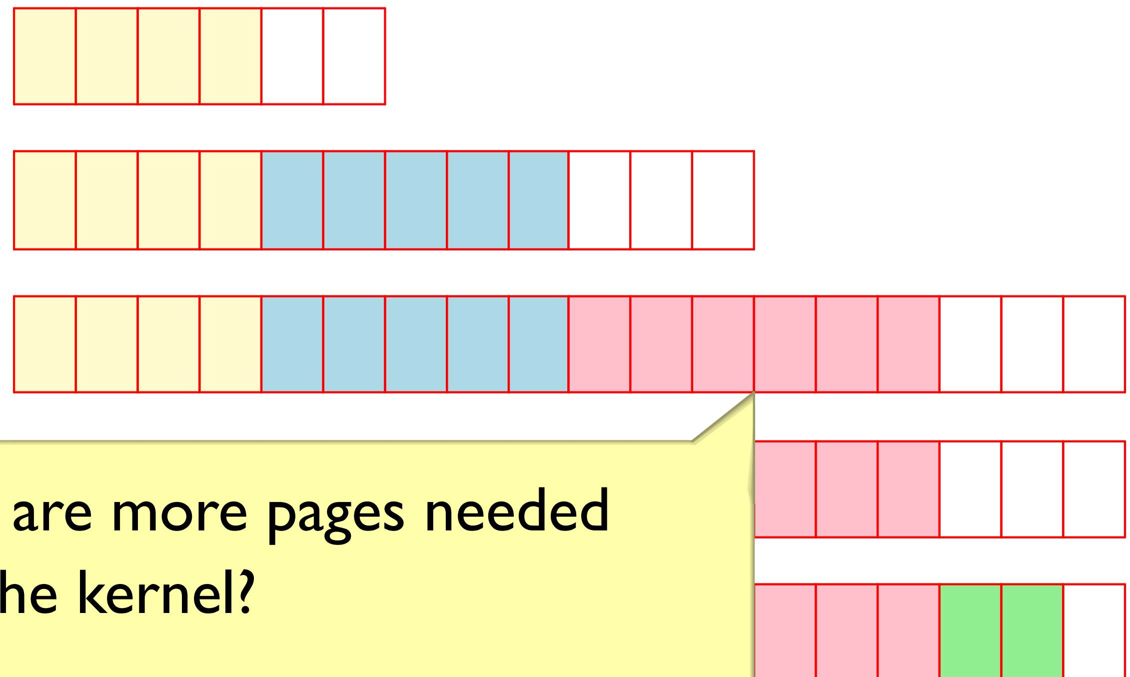

5 When are more pages needed from the kernel?

When more is needed for an allocation

Naive Chunked `sbrk` Allocator

Pick a chunk size:

```
#define CHUNK_SIZE (1 << 14)
#define CHUNK_ALIGN(size) (((size)+(CHUNK_SIZE-1)) & ~(CHUNK_SIZE-1))
```

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Naive Chunked `sbrk` Allocator

```
void *current_avail = NULL;
size_t current_avail_size = 0;

int mm_init() {
  current_avail = sbrk(0);
  current_avail_size = 0;
  return 0;
}
```

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Naive Chunked `sbrk` Allocator

```
void *mm_malloc(size_t size) {
  size_t newsize = ALIGN(size);
  void *p;

  if (current_avail_size < newsize) {
    sbrk(CHUNK_ALIGN(newsize));
    current_avail_size += CHUNK_ALIGN(newsize);
  }

  p = current_avail;
  current_avail += newsize;
  current_avail_size -= newsize;

  return p;
}
```

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Naive `mmap` Allocator

Page size of 8:

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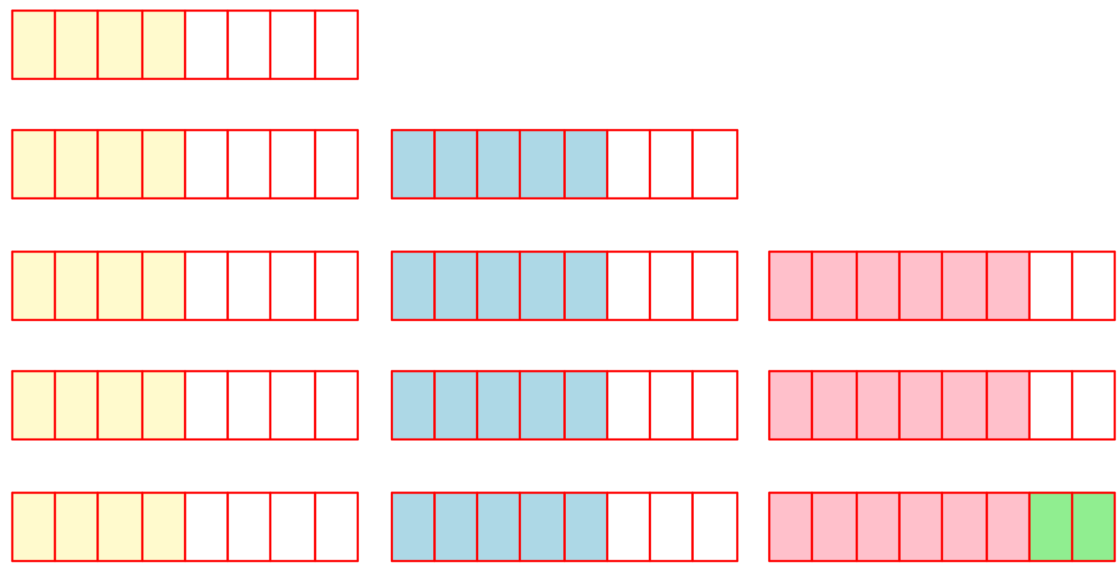

Naive `mmap` Allocator

5 When are more pages needed from the kernel?

When the most recent page doesn't have space

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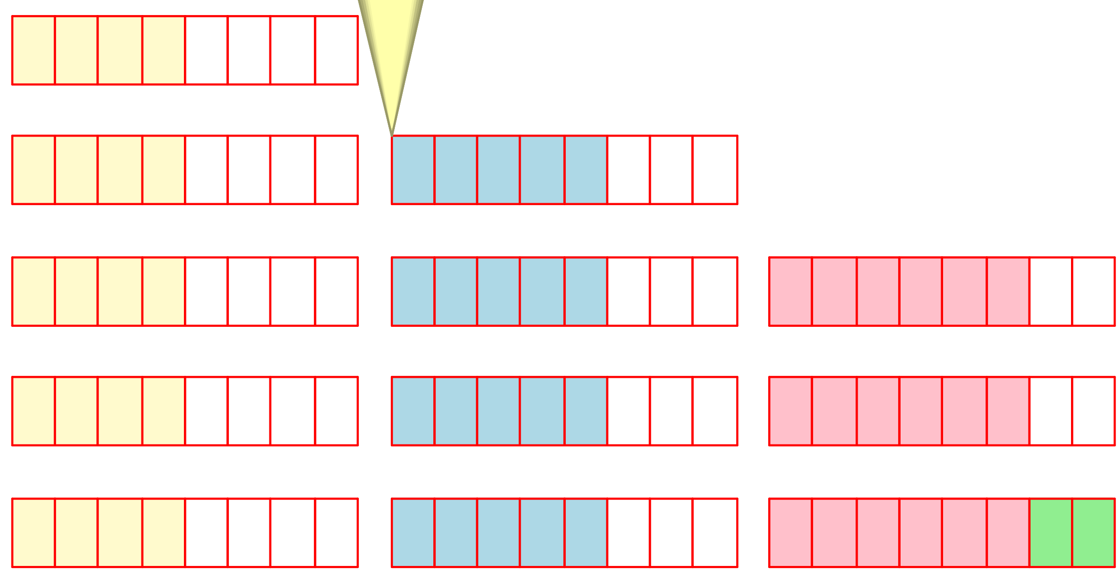

Naive `mmap` Allocator

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size_t current_avail_size = 0;

void *mm_malloc(size_t size) {
  size_t newsize = ALIGN(size);
  void *p;

  if (current_avail_size < newsize) {
    current_avail = mmap(0, CHUNK_ALIGN(newsize),
                         PROT_READ | PROT_WRITE, MAP_PRIVATE | MAP_ANON,
                         -1, 0);
    current_avail_size = CHUNK_ALIGN(newsize);
  }

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Unallocated space in mapped pages is wasted

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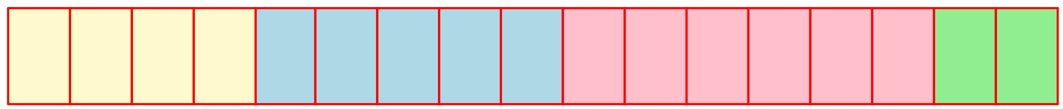

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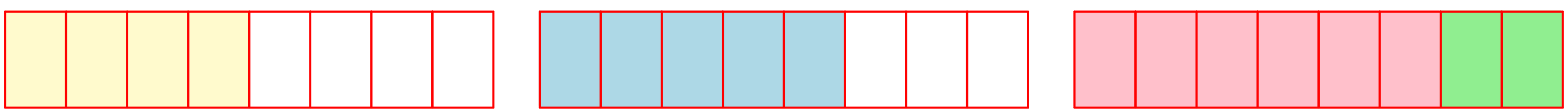

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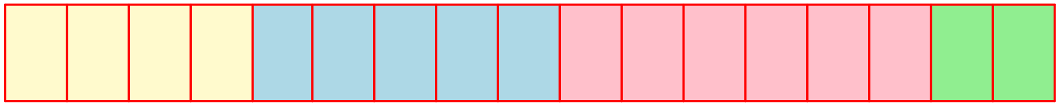

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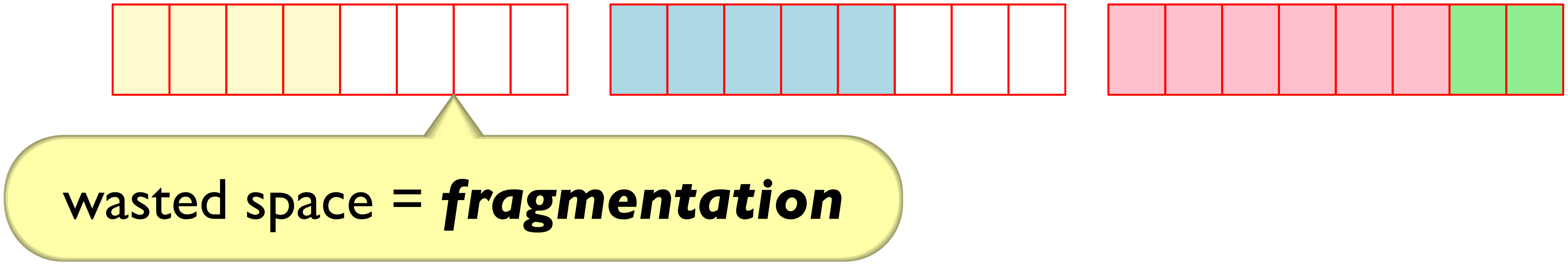

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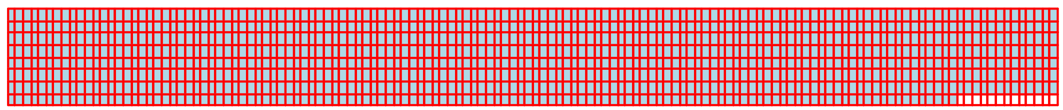

Naive **`mmap`**:

Pick page chunk ≫ allocation size

Fragmentation

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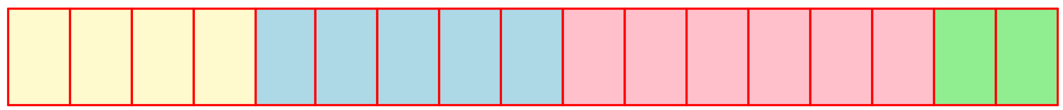

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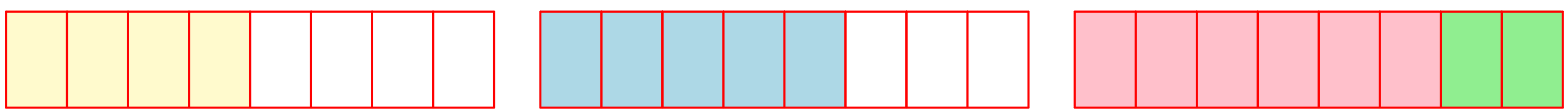

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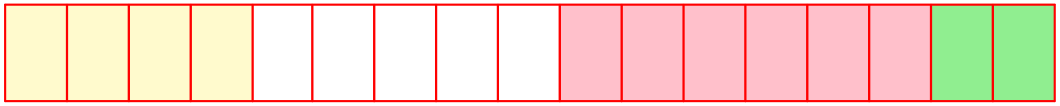

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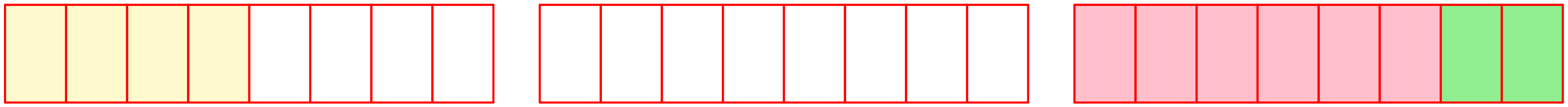

Taking **`free`** into account, both naive implementations suffer from extreme fragmentation

... so we need to keep track of unallocated space

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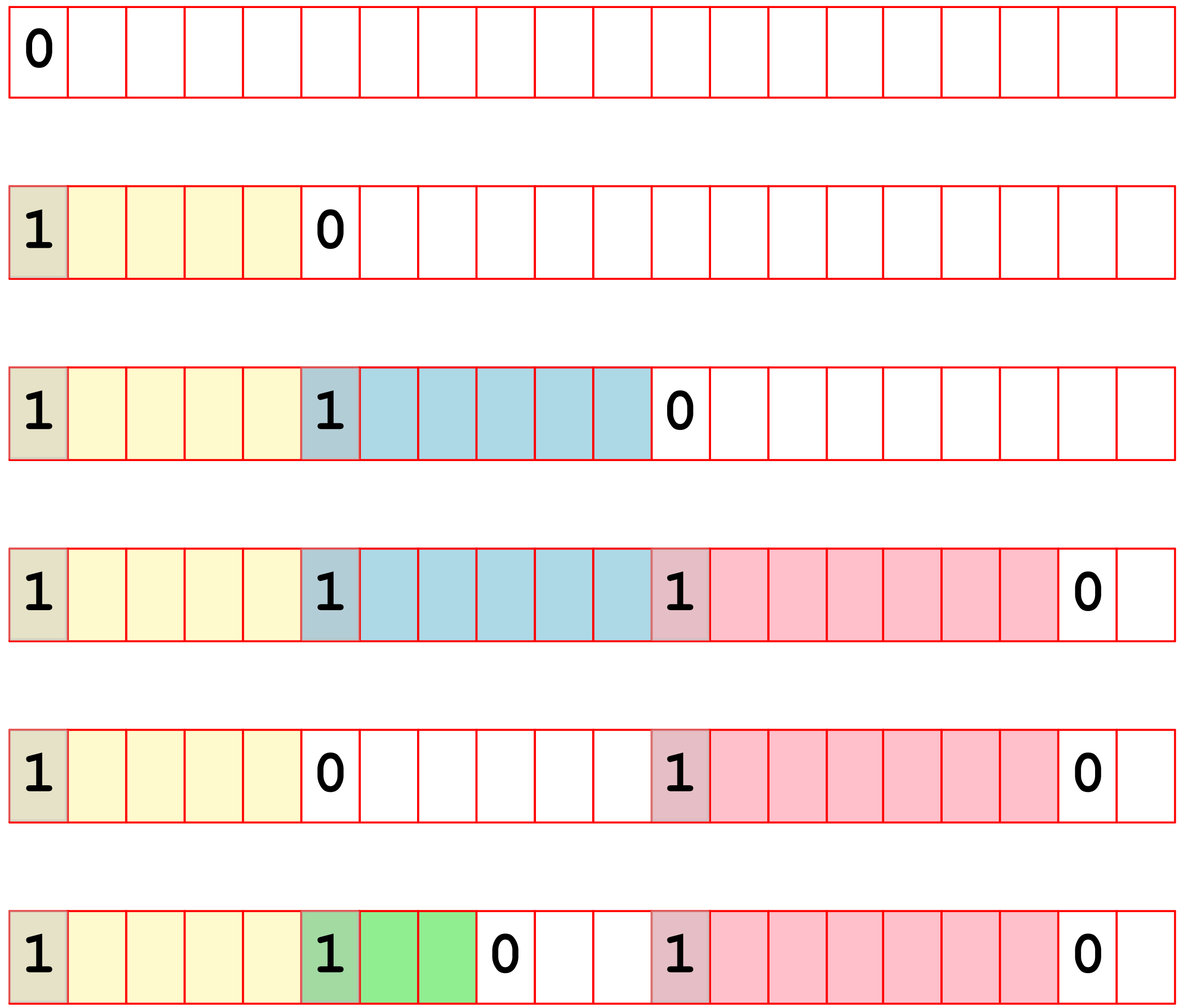

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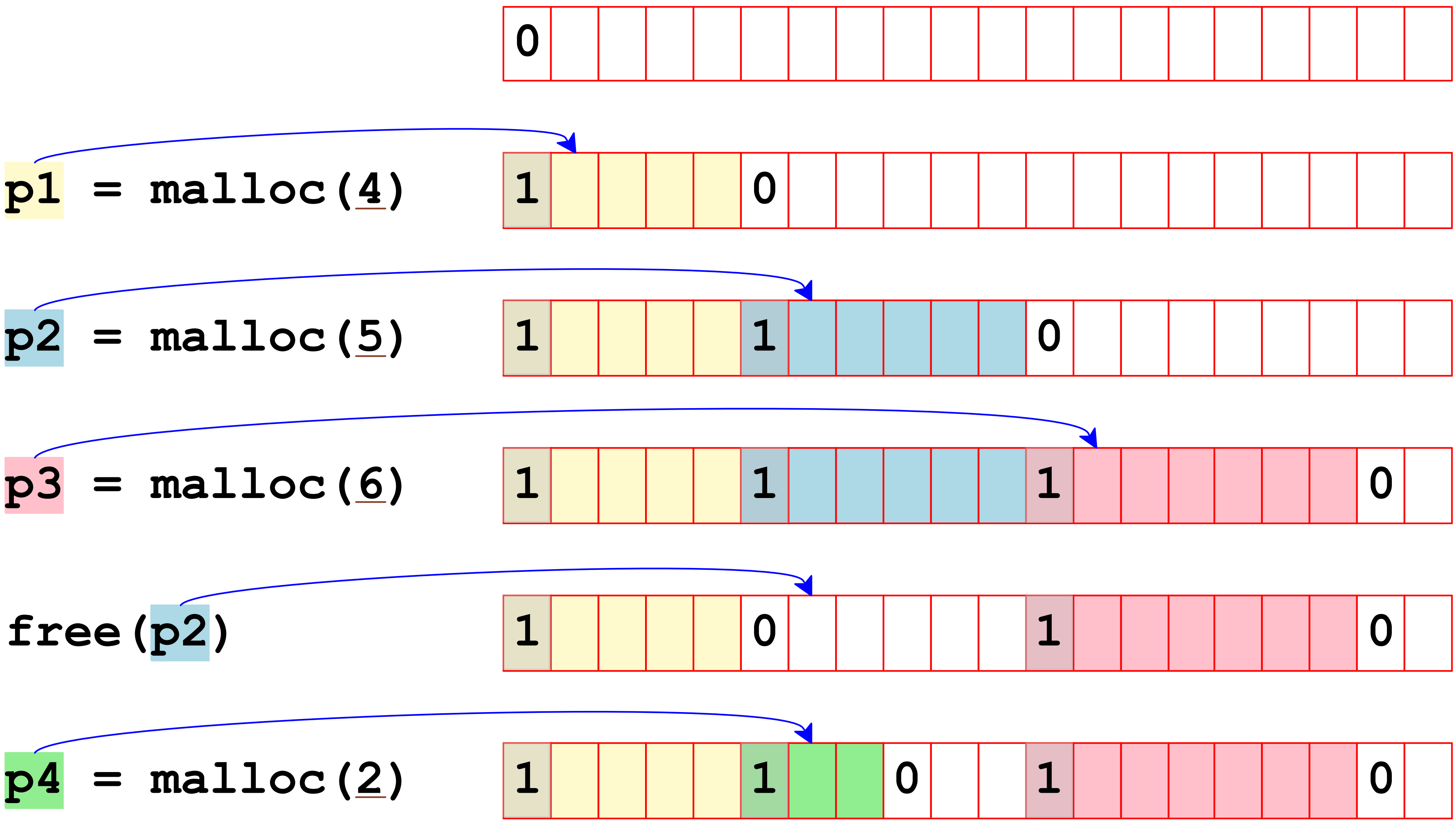

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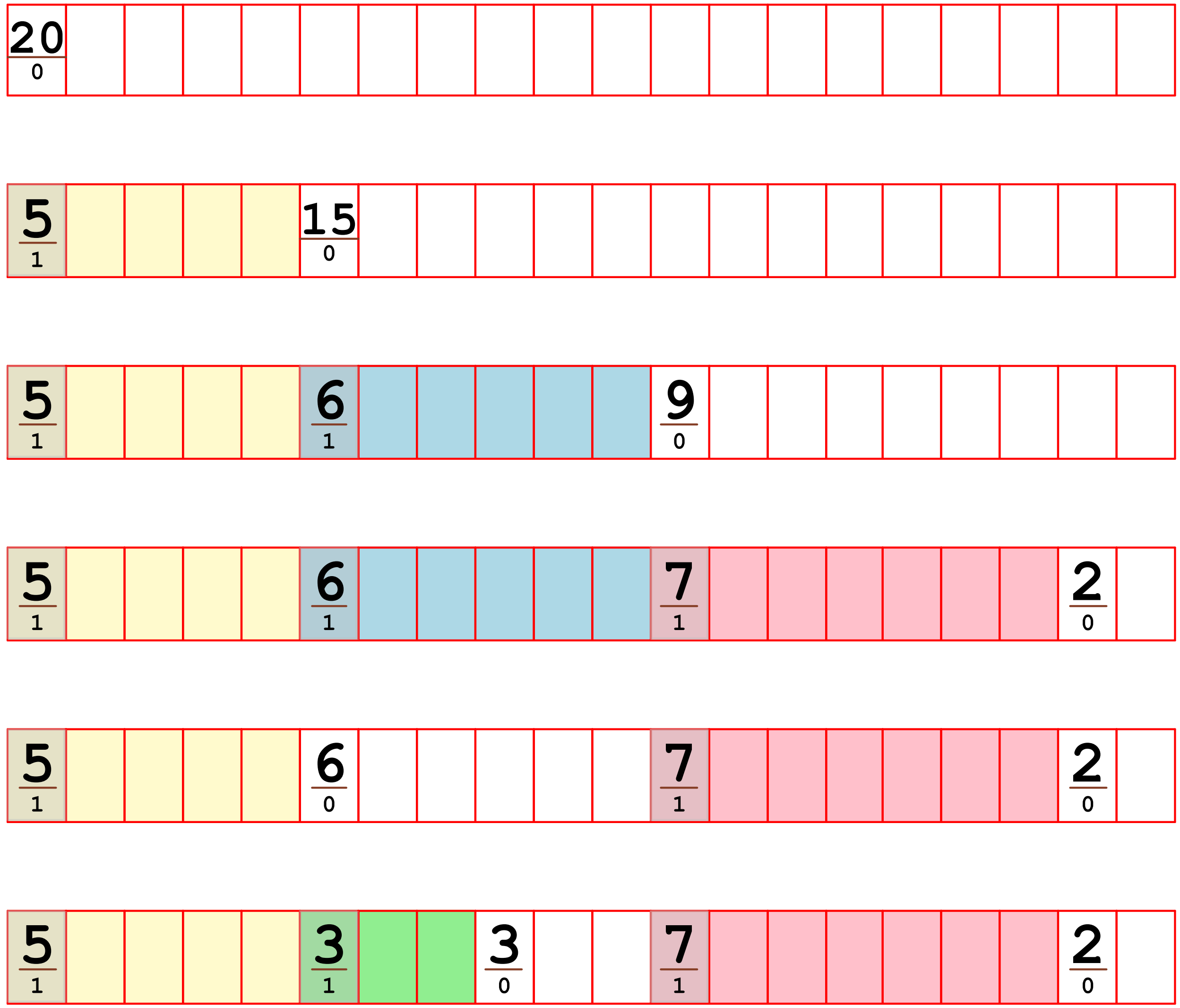

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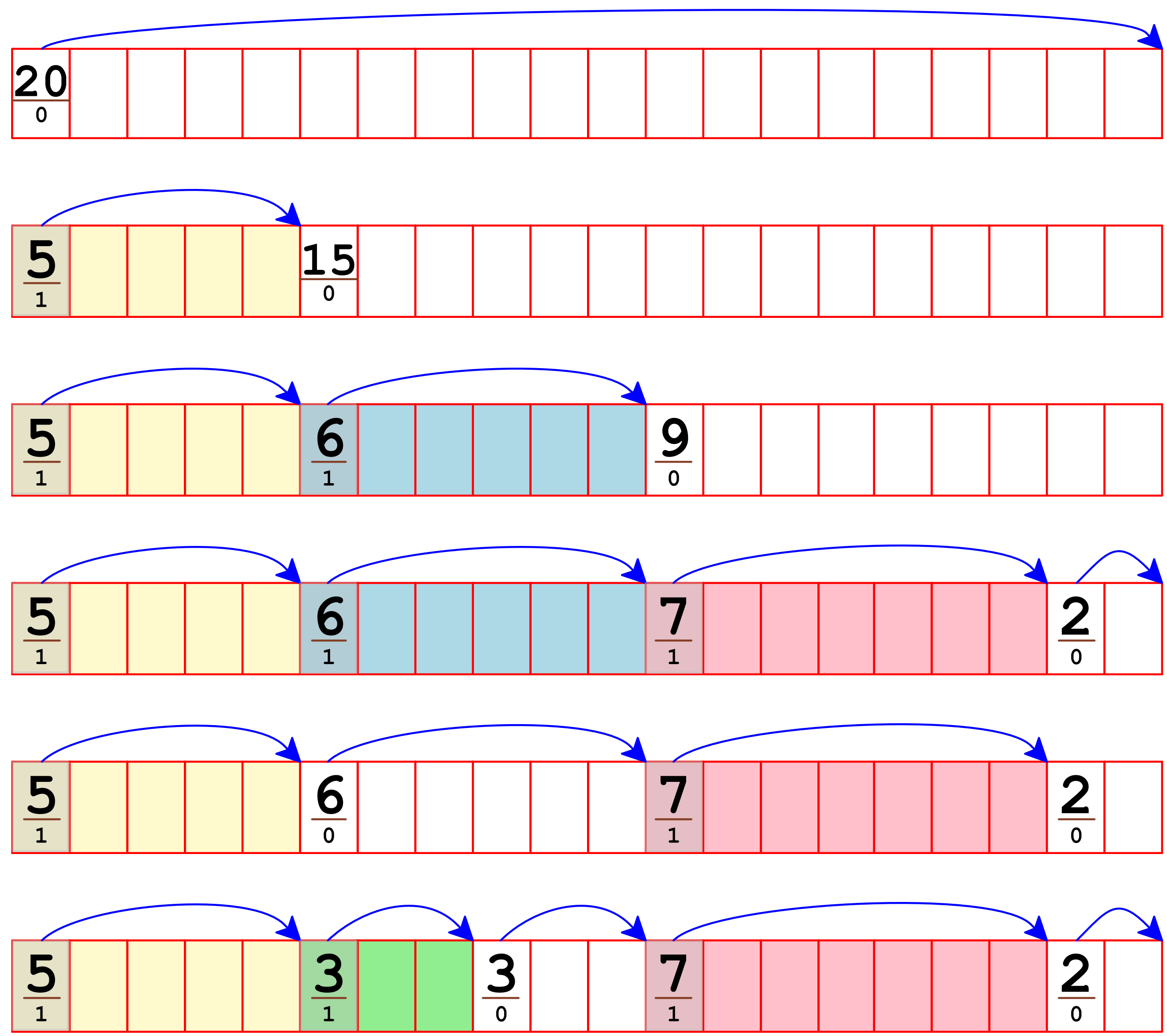

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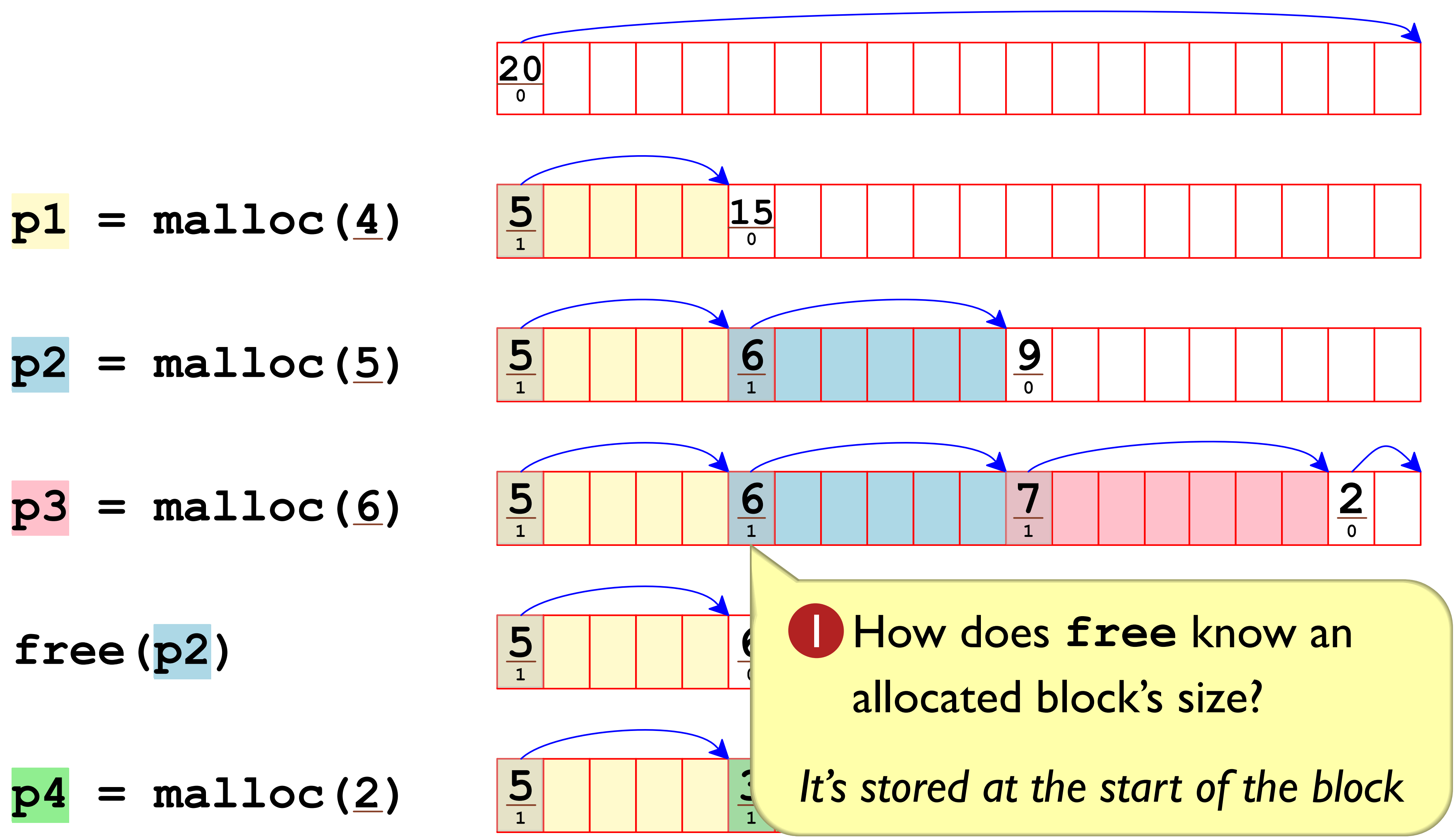

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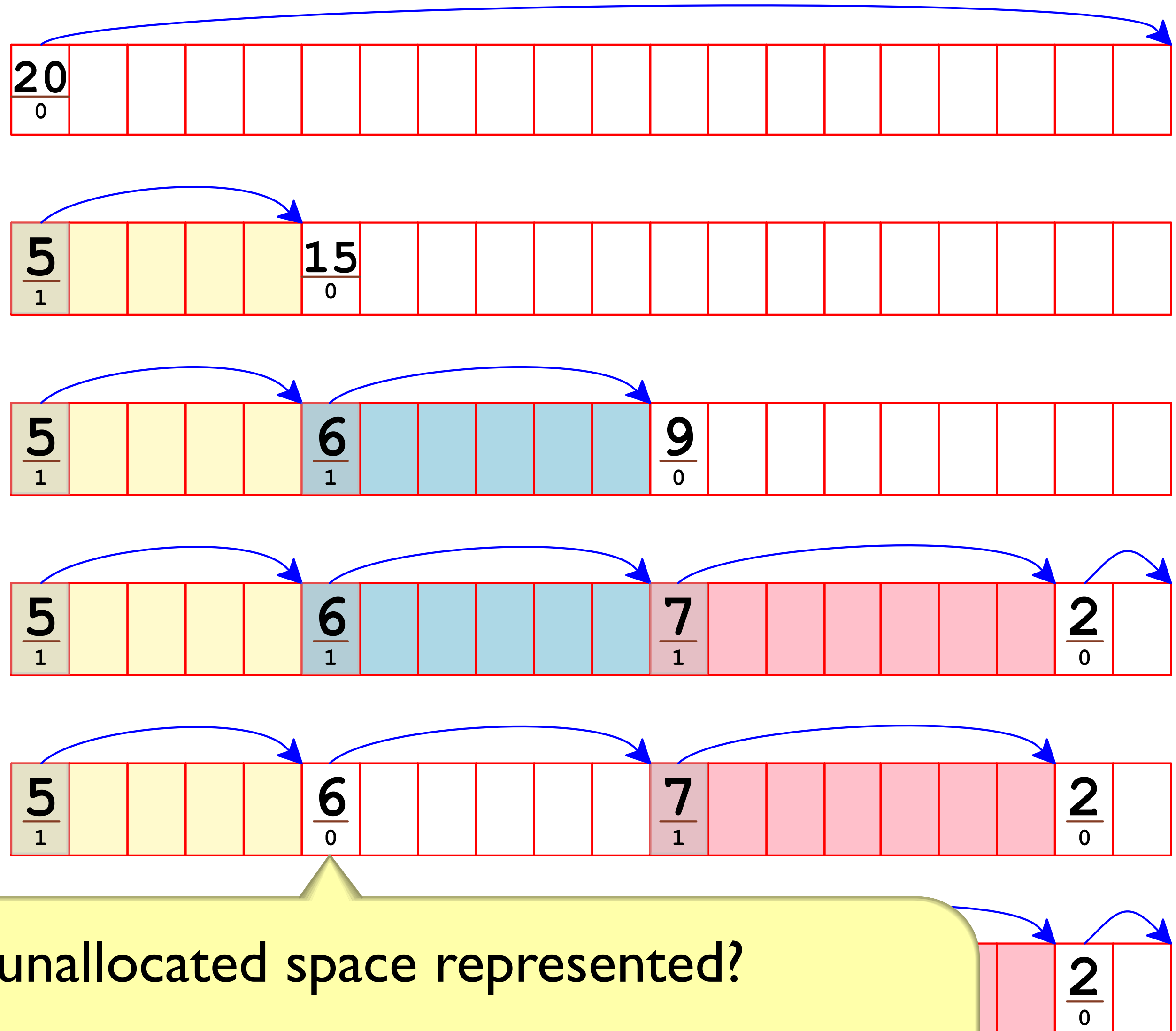

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2 How is unallocated space represented?

A bit in the block header distinguishes allocated from unallocated

Sizes in a Block Header ⇒ Implicit Free List

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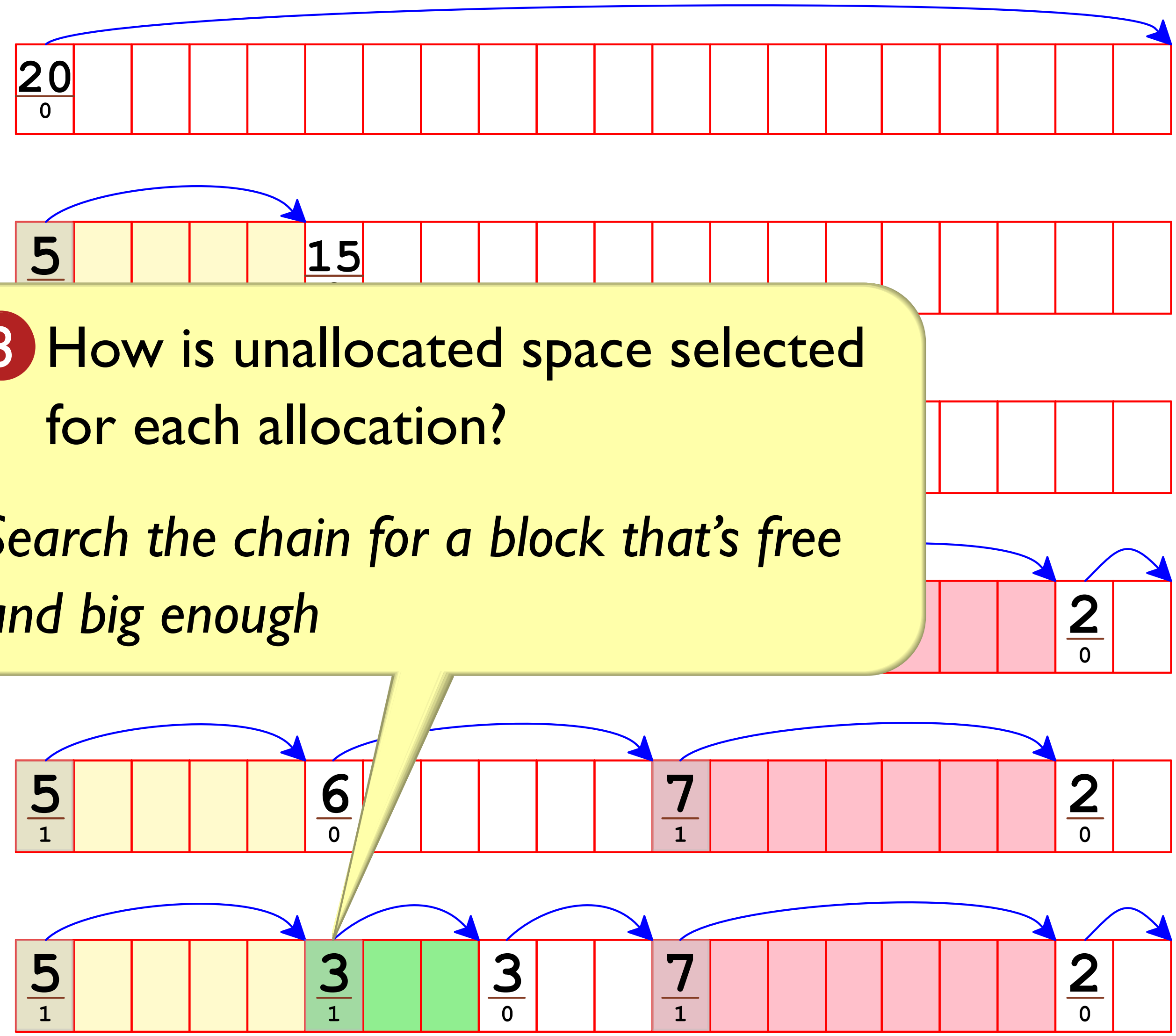

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Search the chain for a block that's free and big enough

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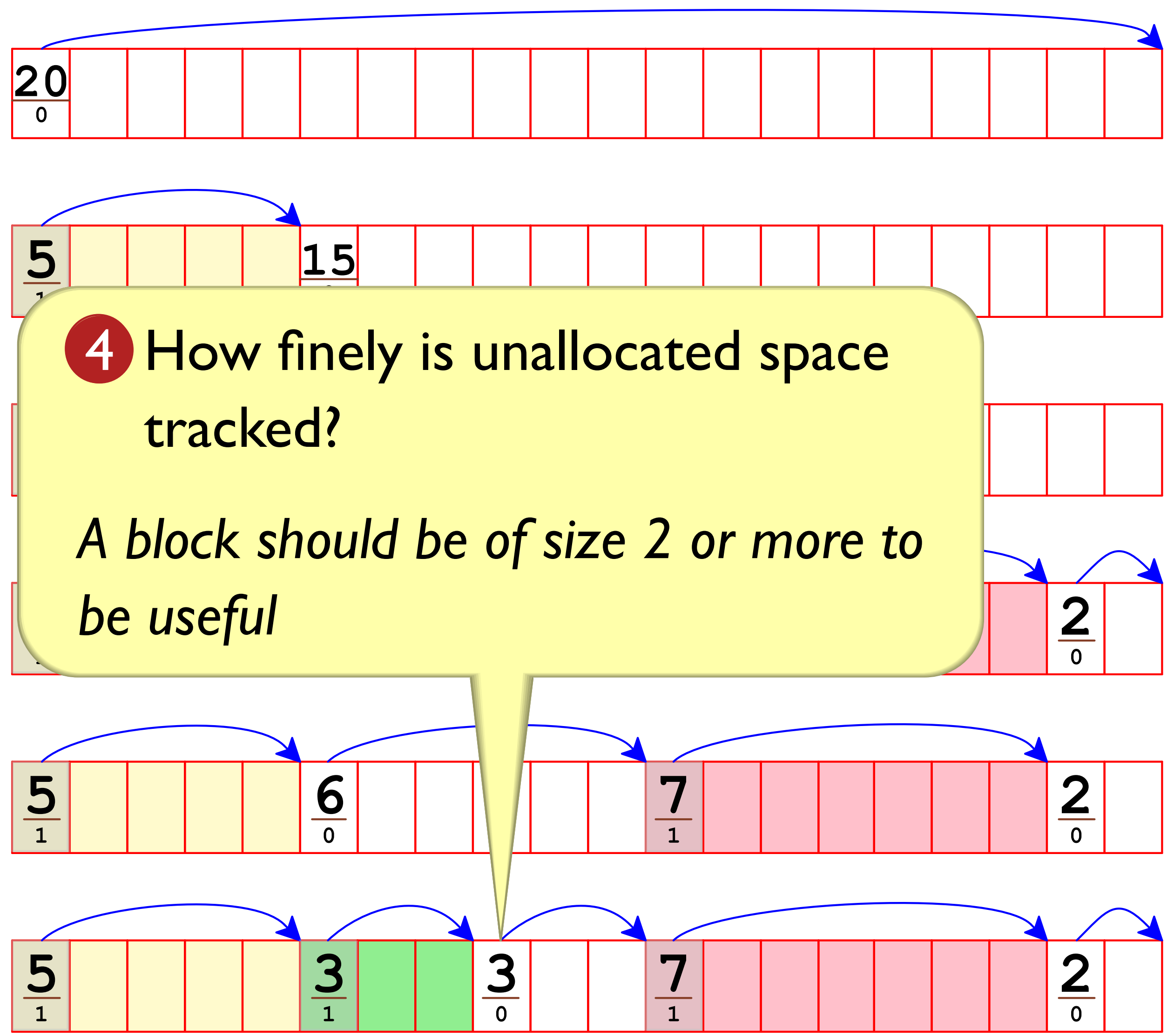

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4 How finely is unallocated space tracked?

A block should be of size 2 or more to be useful

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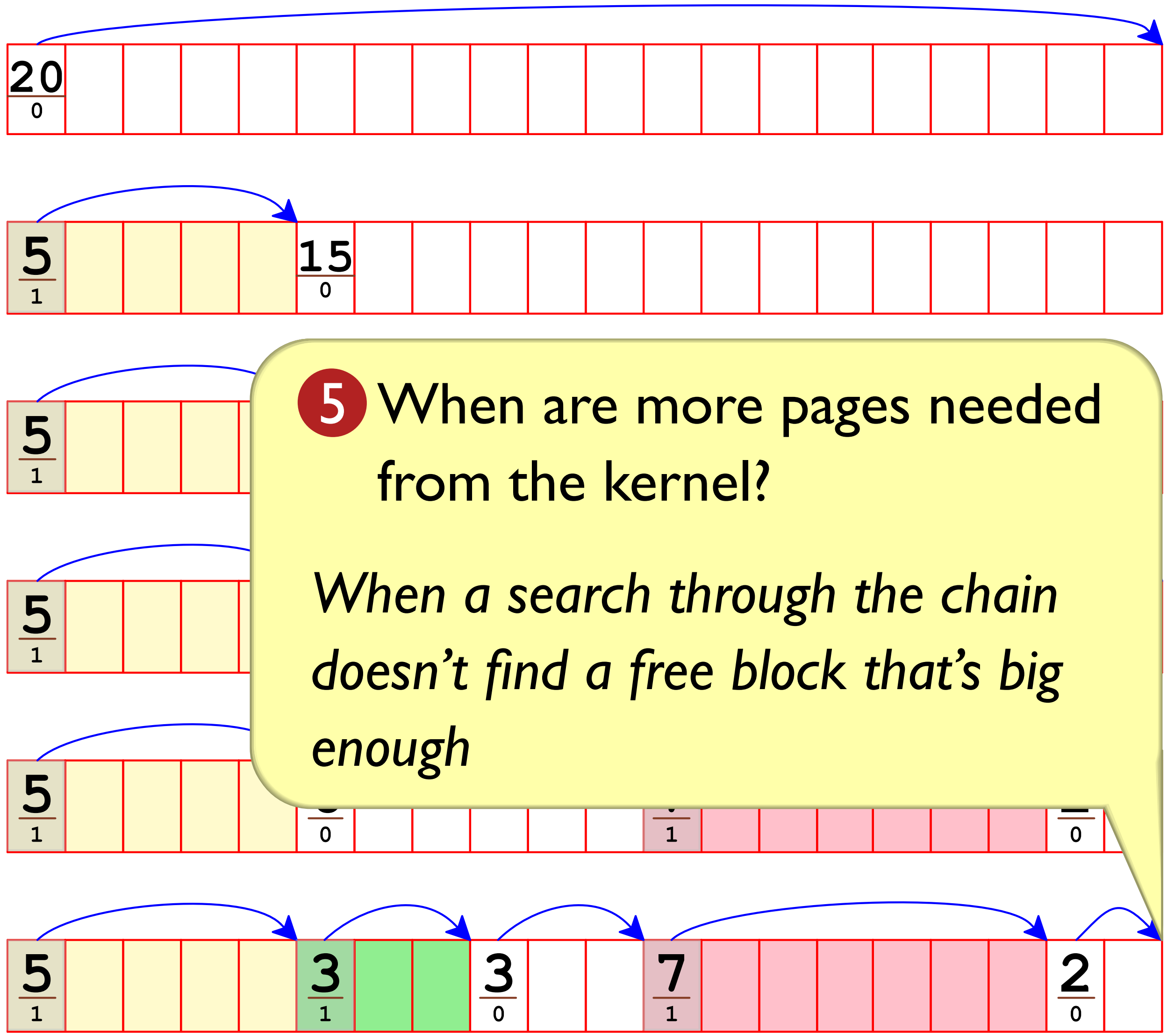
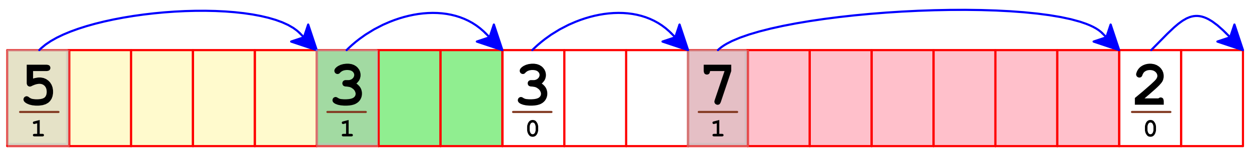


5 When are more pages needed from the kernel?

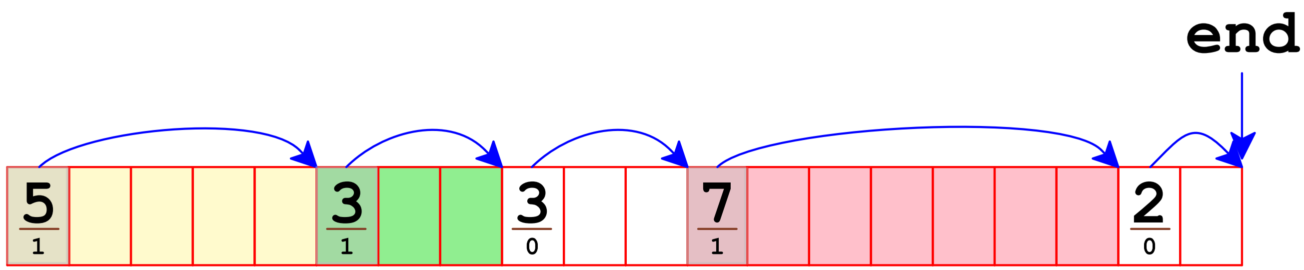
When a search through the chain doesn't find a free block that's big enough

Terminating the Block List

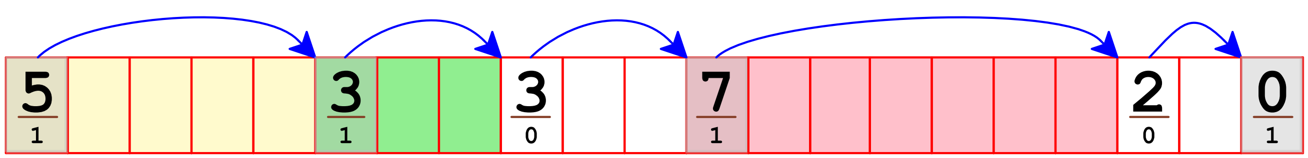


How does the allocator know that the size-2 block is the last one?

Compare the next pointer to an end-of-heap address



or Add a “zero”-sized block to terminate the chain



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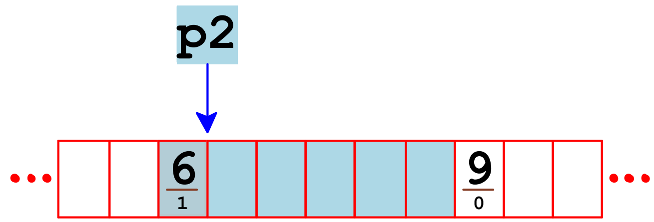


```
typedef struct {
  size_t size;
  char   allocated;
} block_header;
```

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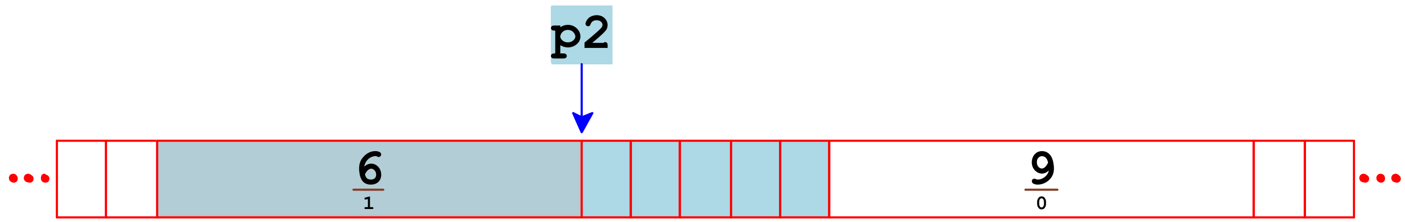


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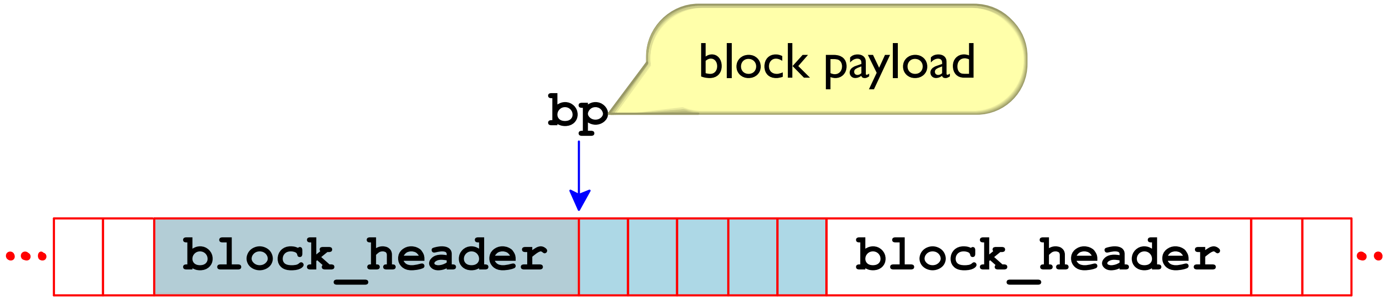


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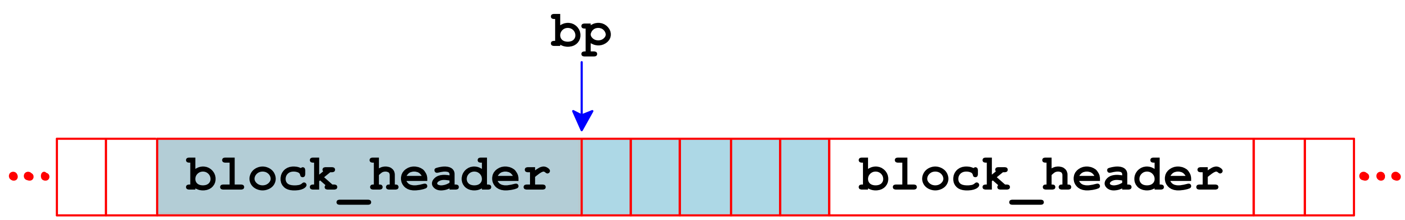


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`sizeof(block_header) = 16`

Aligned payload size ⇒ 16-byte alignment preserved

... although that's a lot of empty space

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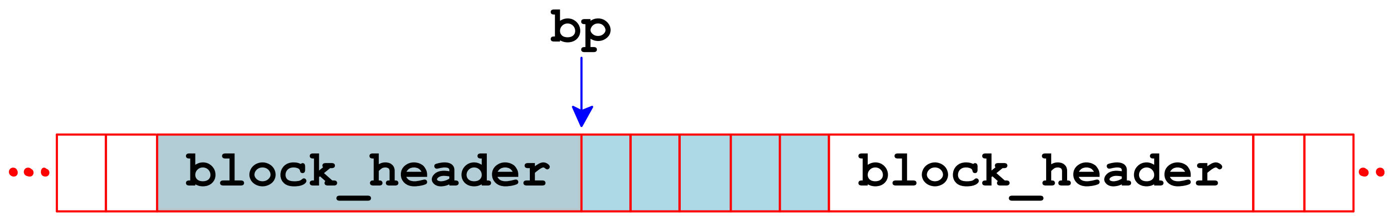


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Macro for block overhead:

```
#define OVERHEAD sizeof(block_header)
```

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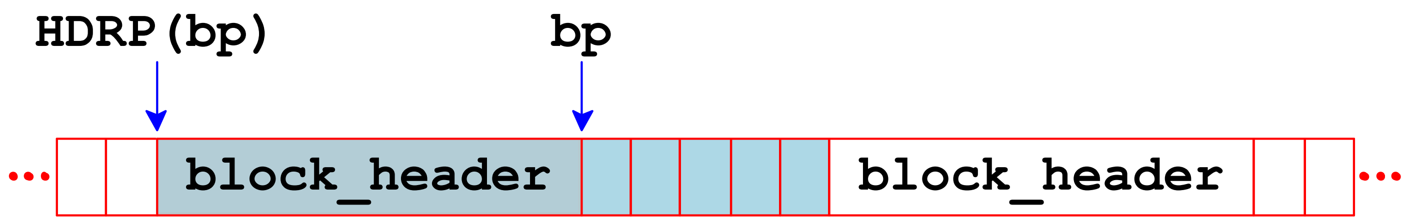


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Macro for getting the header from a payload pointer:

```
#define HDRP(bp) ((char *)(bp) - sizeof(block_header))
```

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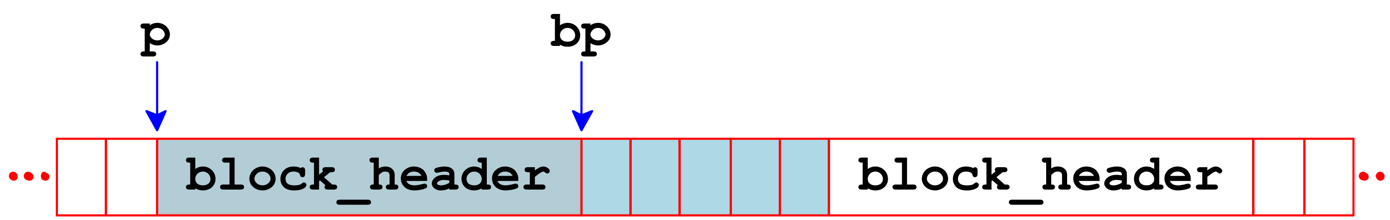


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Macros for working with a raw pointer as the header:

```
#define GET_SIZE(p)   ((block_header *)(p))->size
#define GET_ALLOC(p)  ((block_header *)(p))->allocated
```

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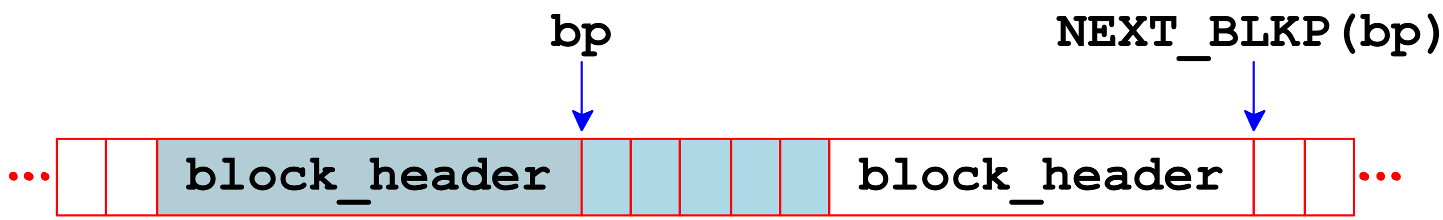


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Macro for getting the next block's payload:

```
#define NEXT_BLKP(bp) ((char *)(bp) + GET_SIZE(HDRP(bp)))
```

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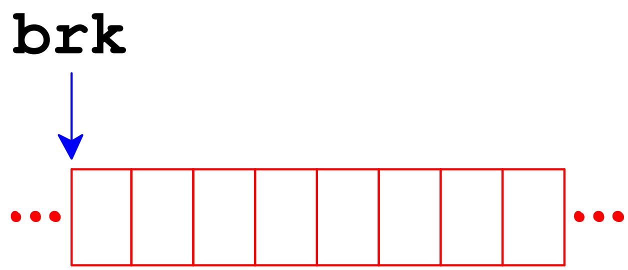
Initializing the Allocator

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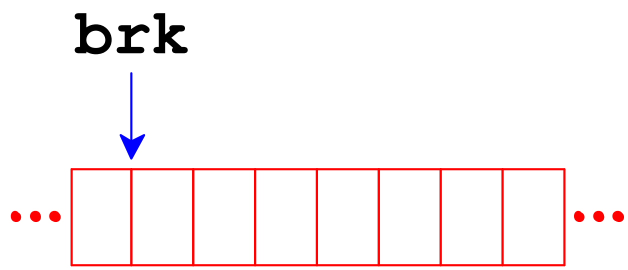


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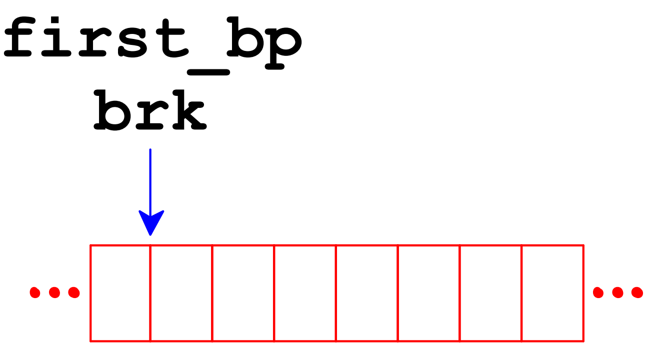


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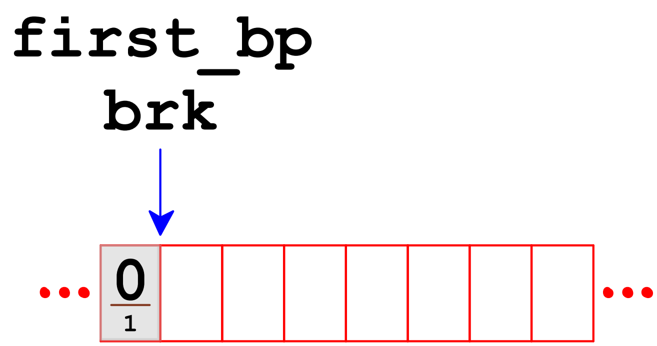


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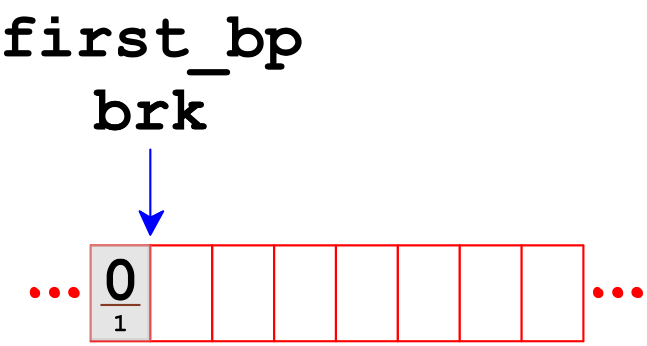


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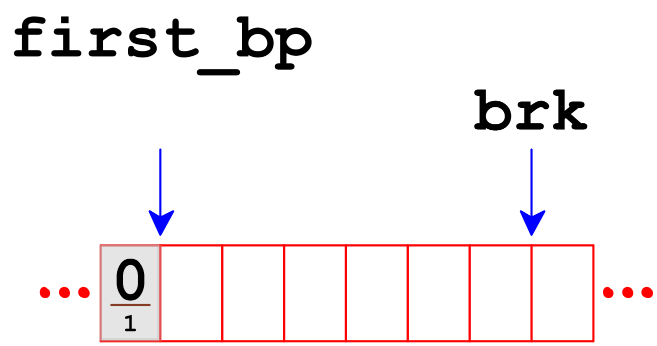


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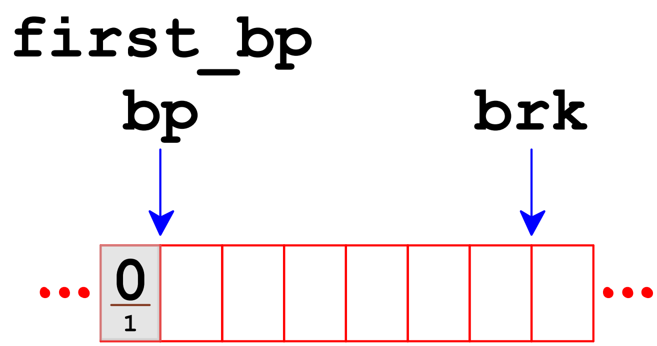


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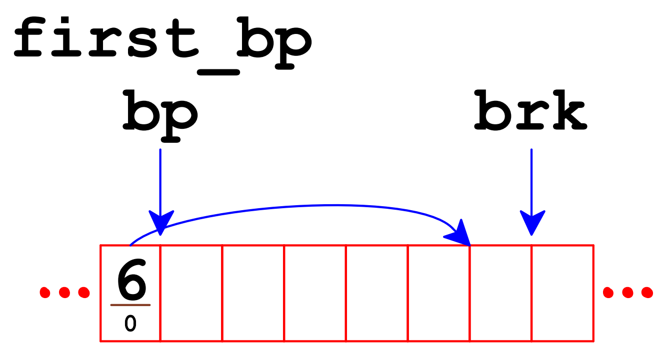


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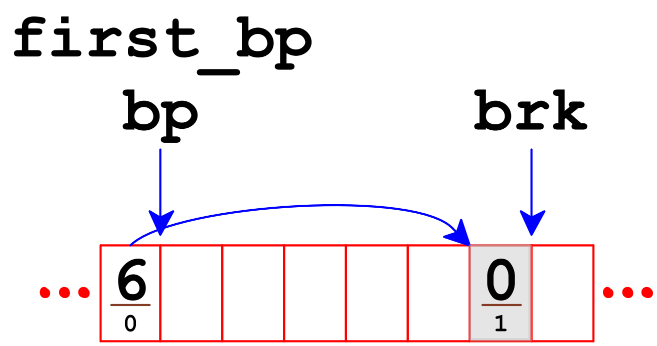


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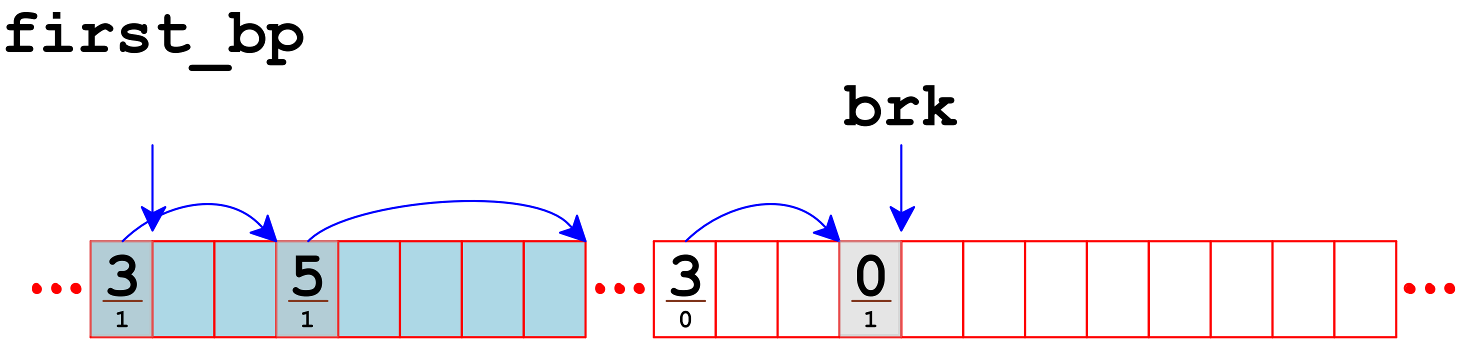


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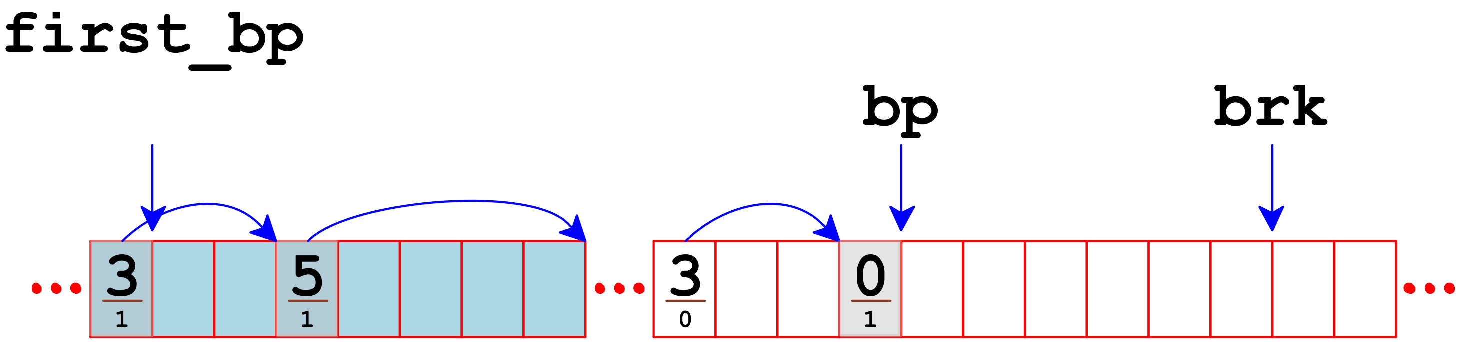


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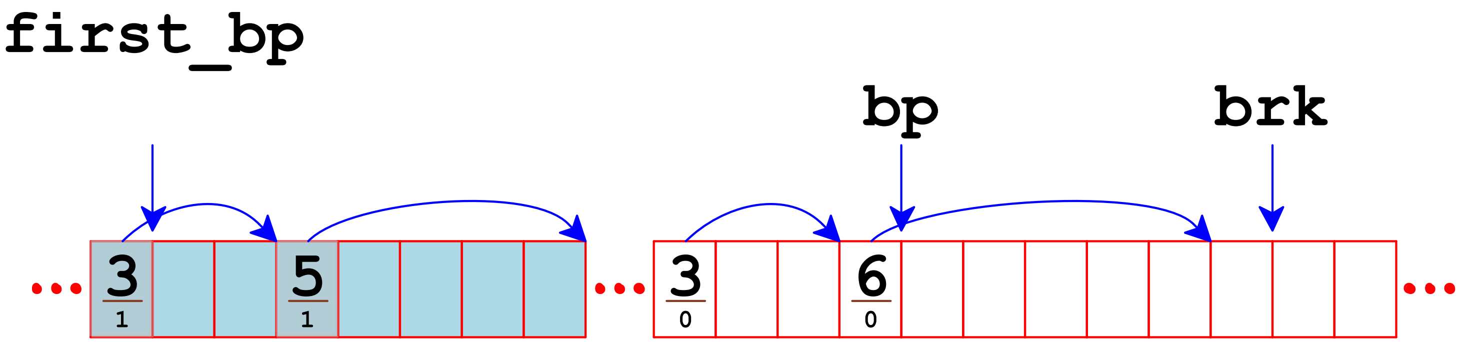


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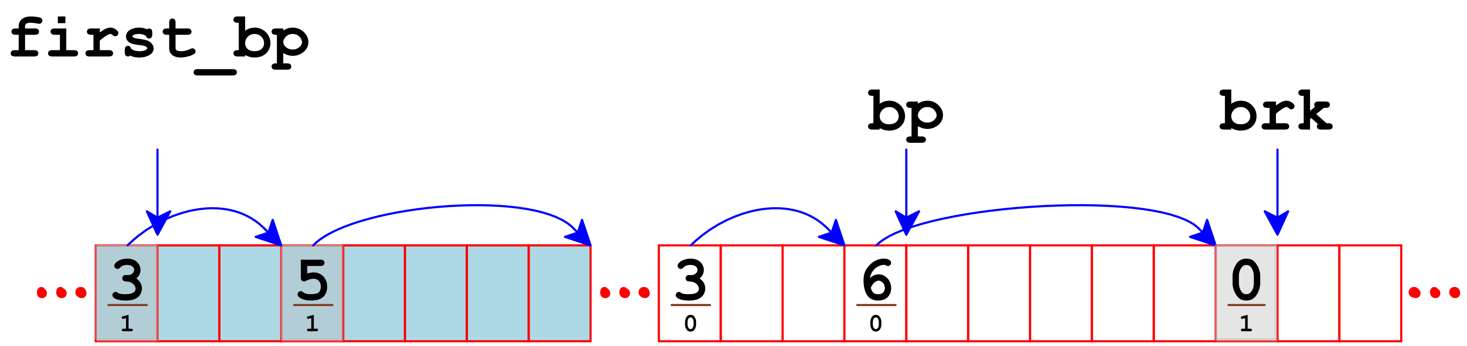


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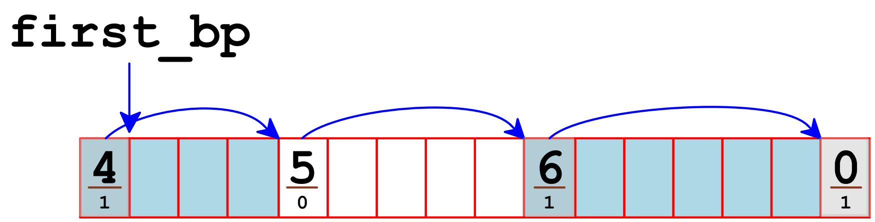


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      return bp;
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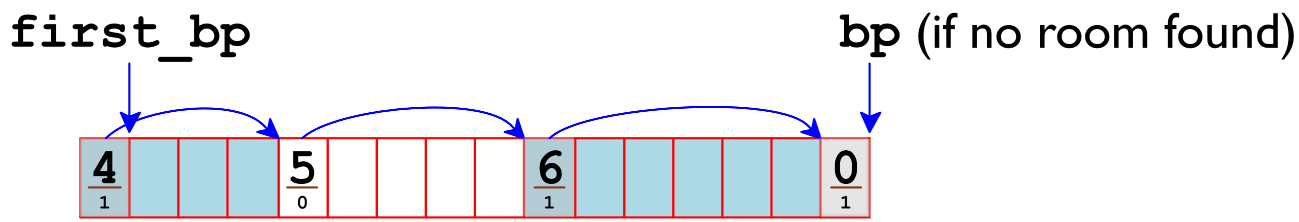


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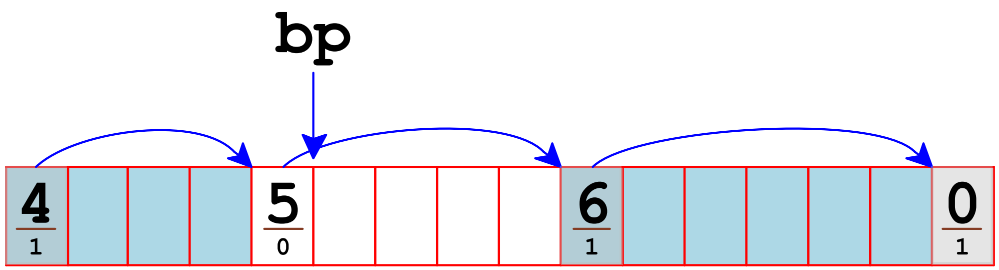


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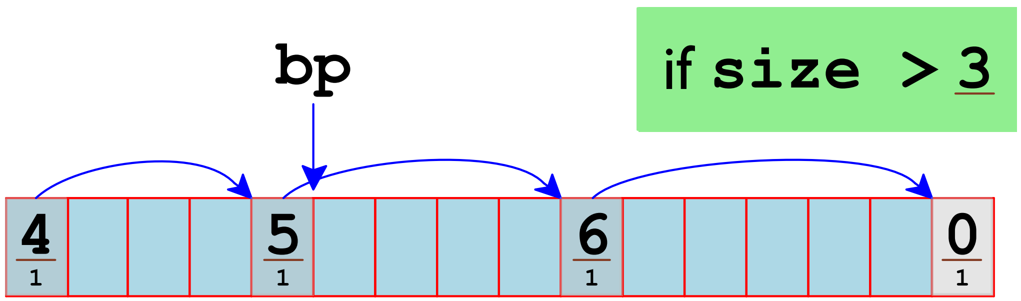


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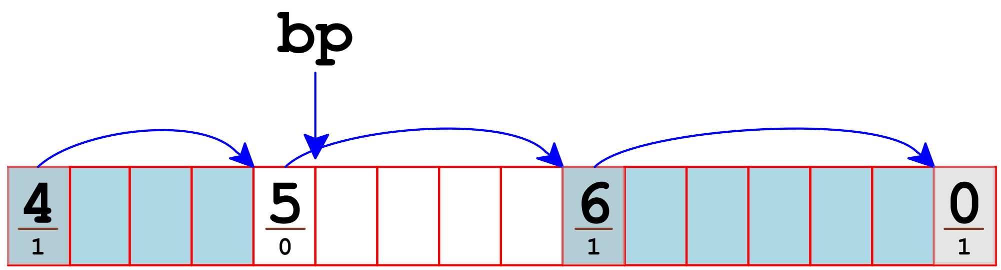


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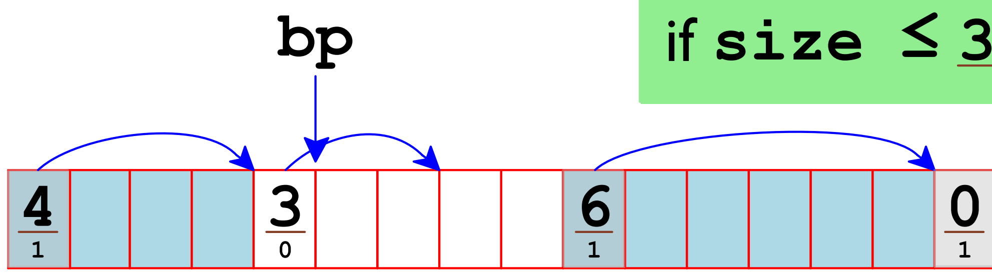


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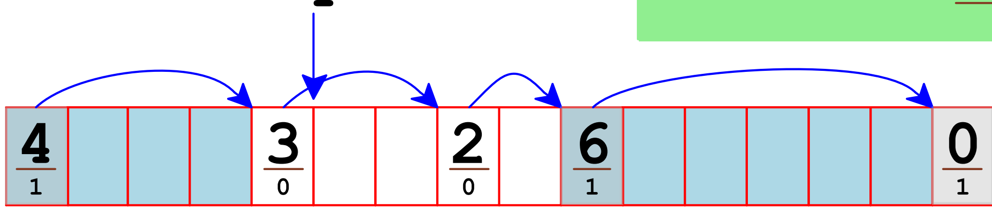


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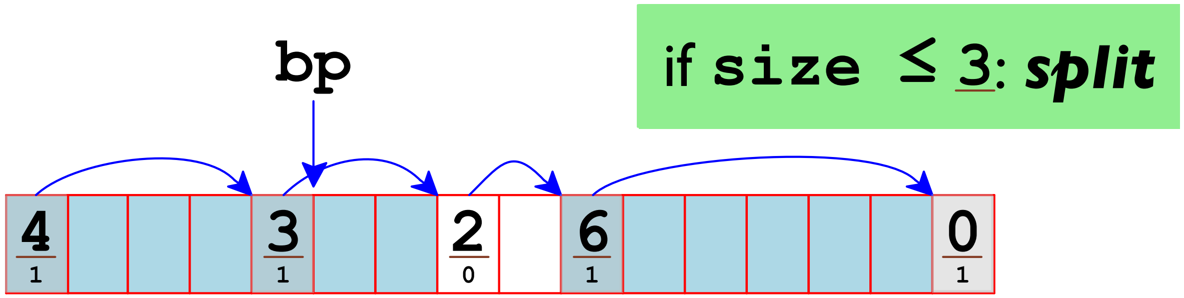


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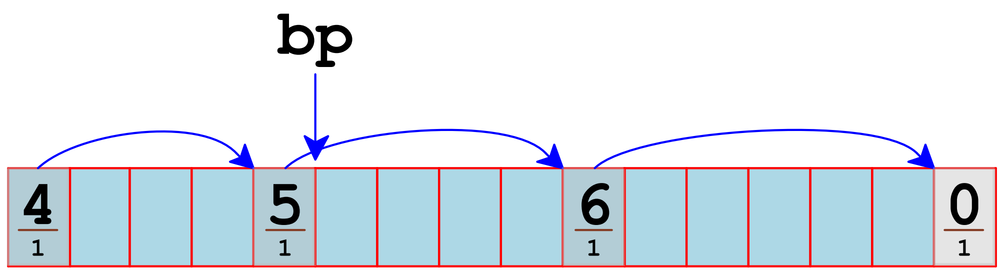


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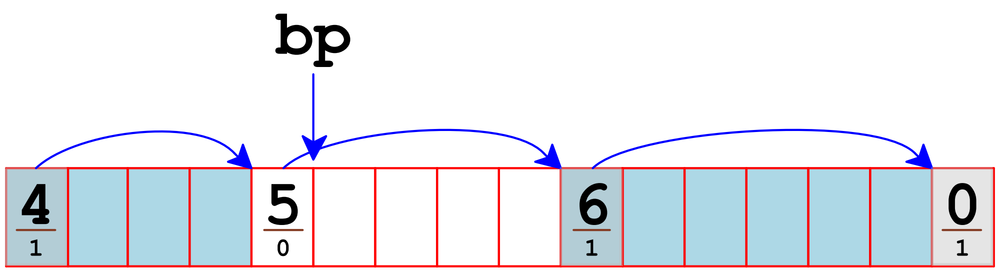


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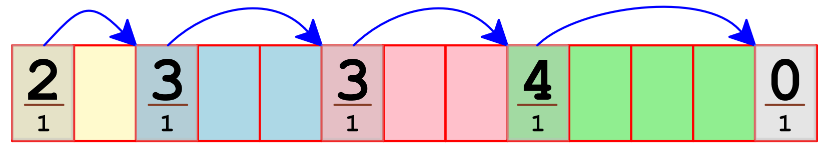

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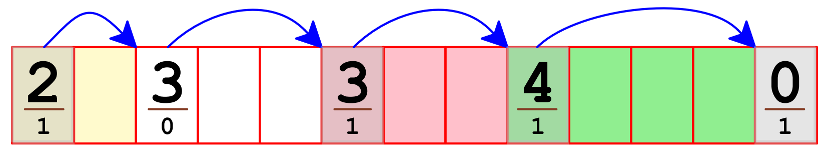

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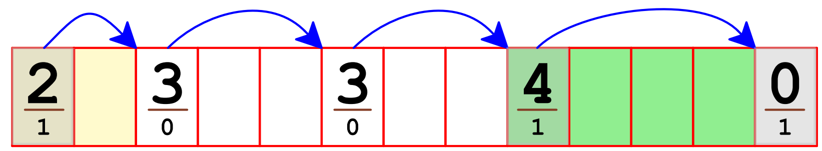

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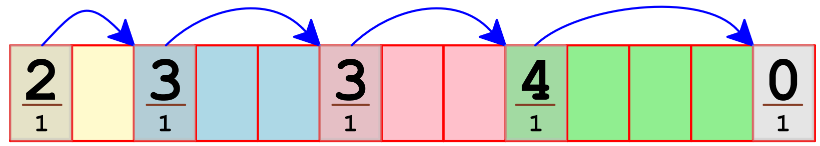

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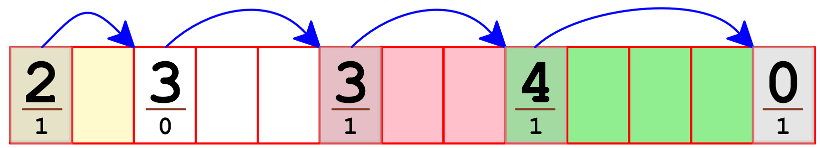

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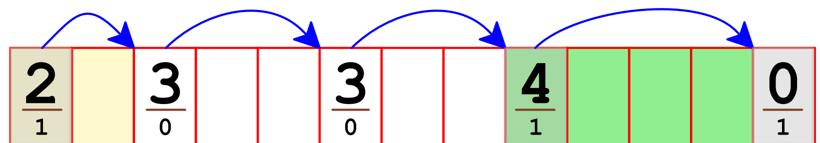

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there’s room here, but no unallocated block is big enough ⇒ extra fragmentation

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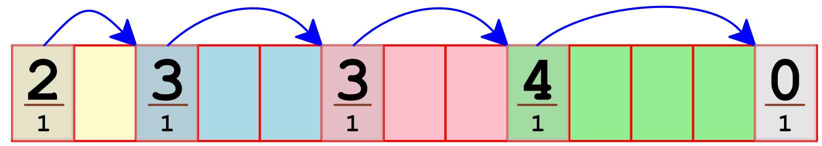

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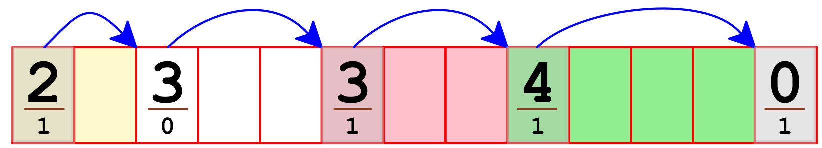

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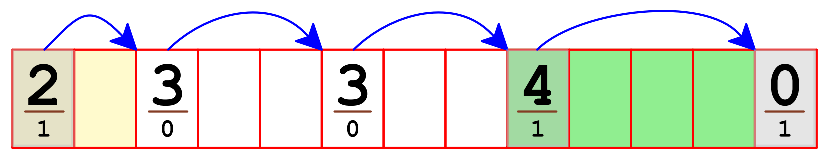

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`free` should ***coalesce*** adjacent unallocated blocks

Coalescing Unallocated Blocks

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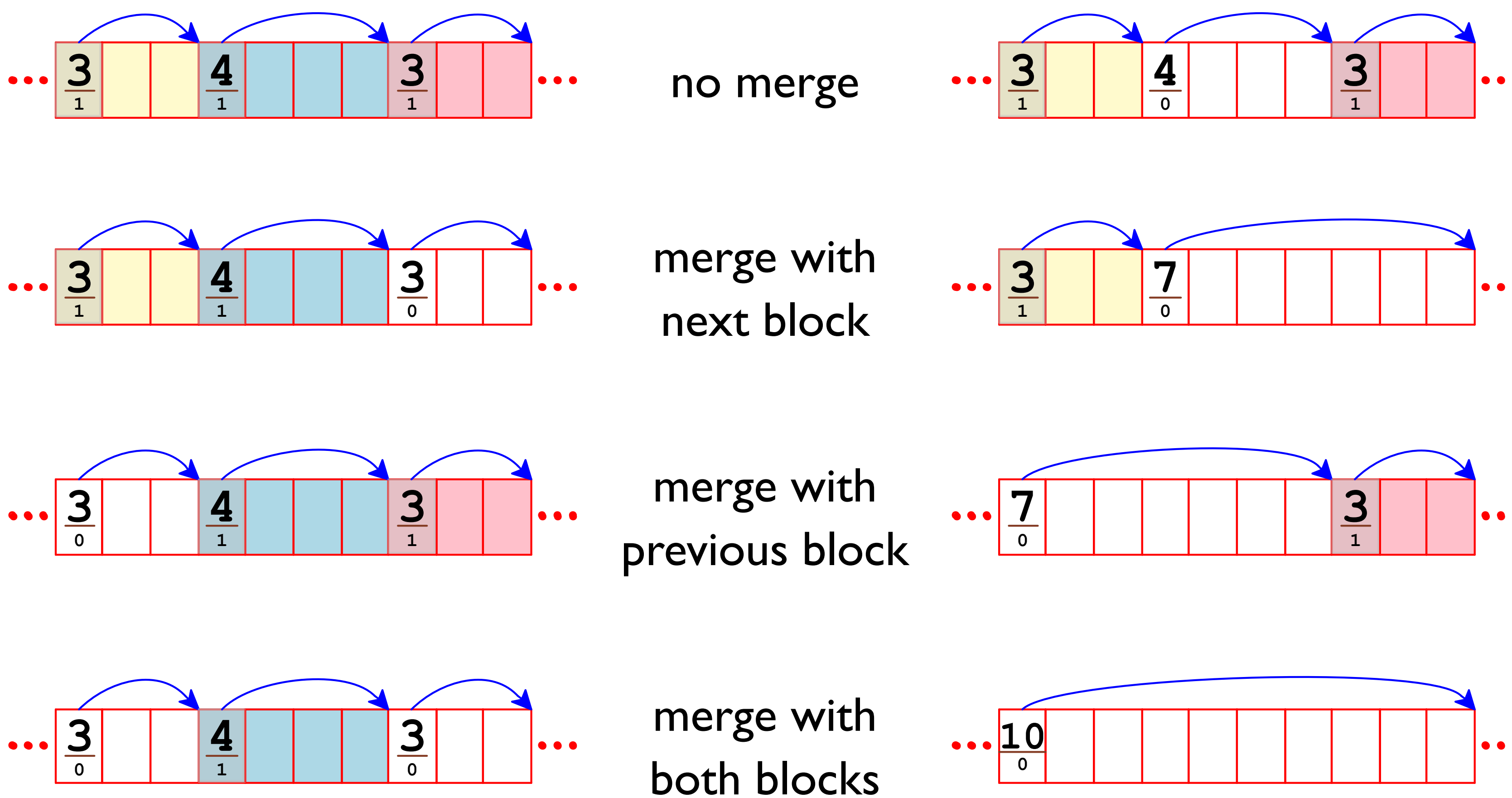

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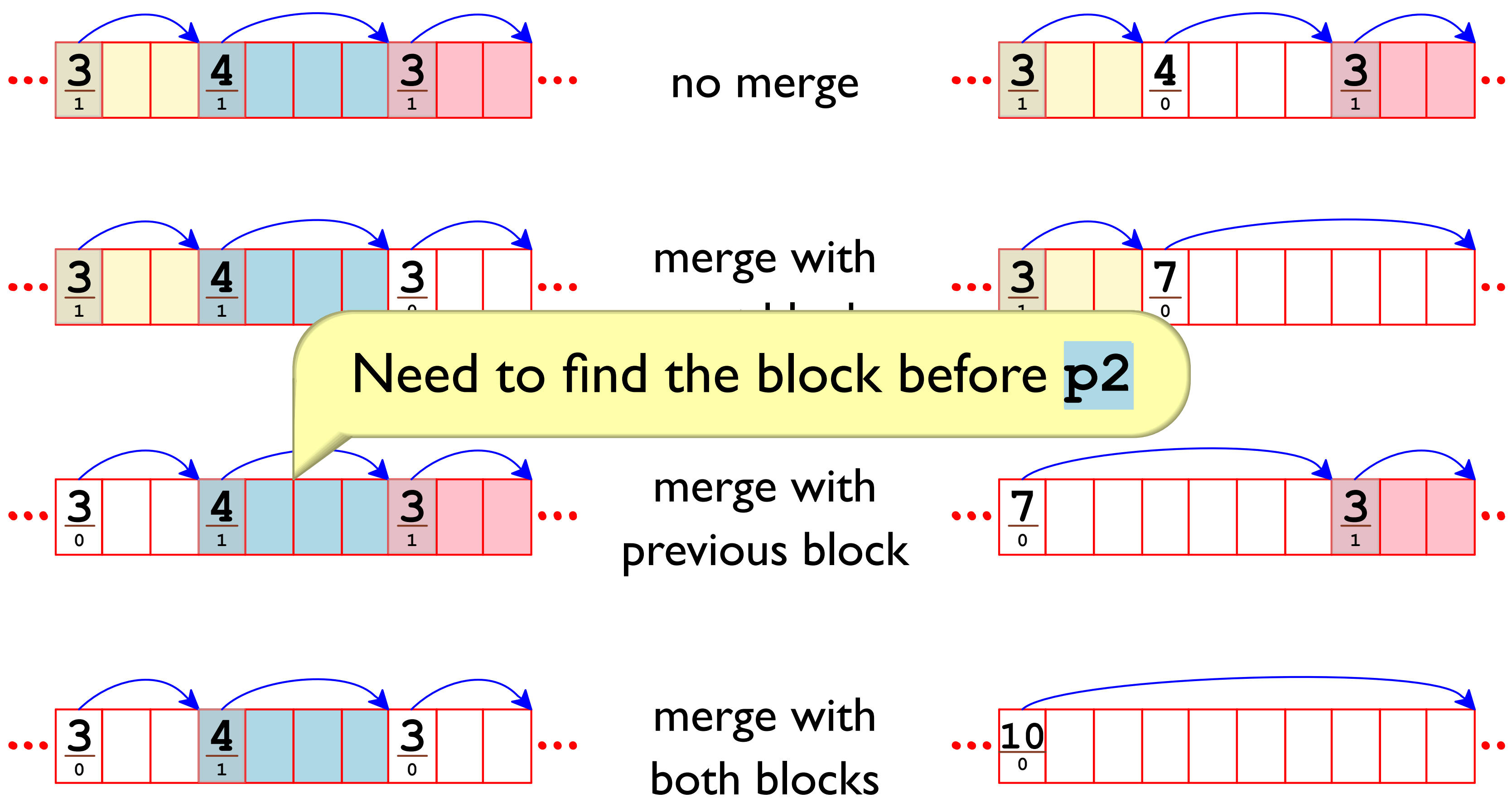

Need to find the block before `p2`

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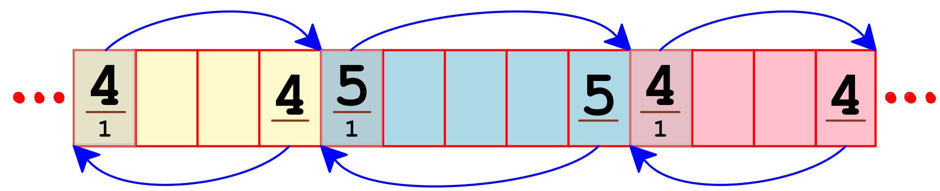

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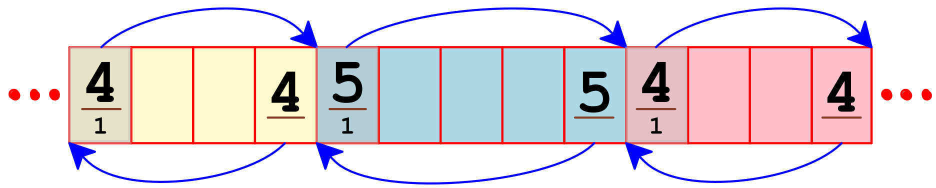


```
typedef struct {
  size_t size;
  int filler;
} block_footer;
```

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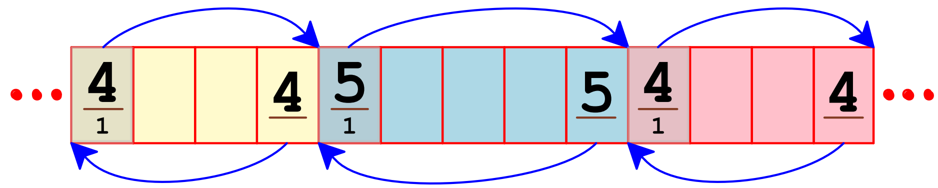


```
typedef struct {
  size_t size;
  int filler;
} block_footer;
```

Same place as in **`block_header`**

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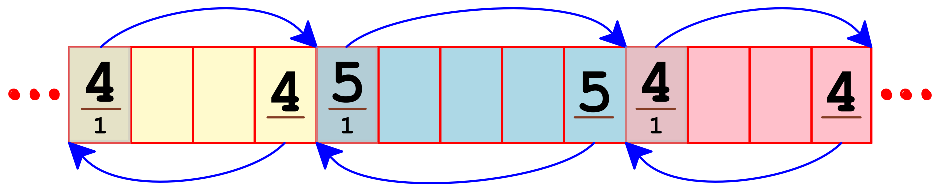


```
typedef struct {
  size_t size;
  int filler;
} block_footer;
```

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```
#define OVERHEAD (sizeof(block_header)+sizeof(block_footer))
```

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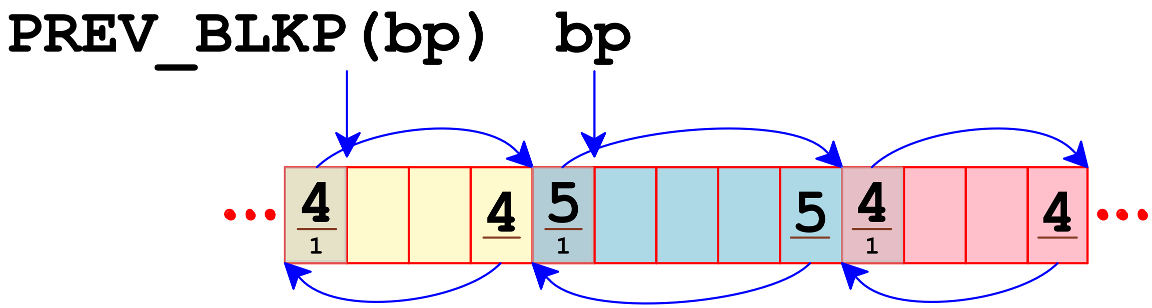


```
typedef struct {
  size_t size;
  int filler;
} block_footer;
```

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```
#define PREV_BLKP(bp) ((char *)(bp)-GET_SIZE((char *)(bp)-OVERHEAD))
```

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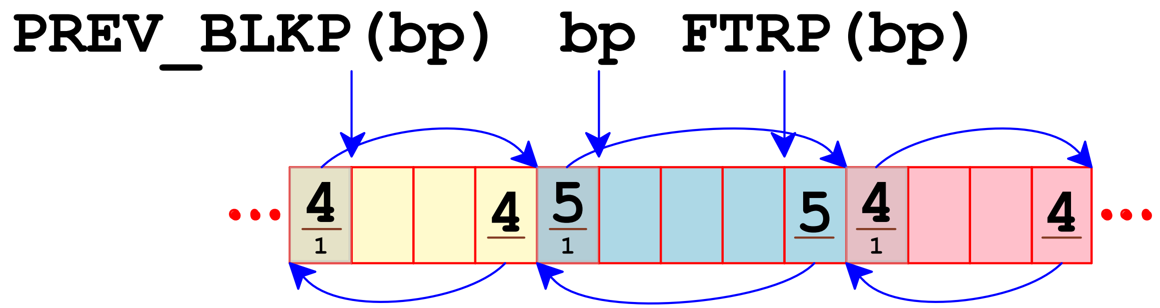


```
typedef struct {
  size_t size;
  int filler;
} block_footer;
```

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```
#define FTRP(bp) ((char *)(bp)+GET_SIZE(HDRP(bp))-OVERHEAD)
```

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Setting Block Sizes in Footers

```
void extend(size_t new_size) {
  ....
  GET_SIZE(HDRP(bp)) = chunk_size;
  GET_SIZE(FTRP(bp)) = chunk_size;
  ....
}

void set_allocated(void *bp, size_t size) {
  ....
    GET_SIZE(HDRP(bp)) = size;
    GET_SIZE(FTRP(bp)) = size;
    GET_SIZE(HDRP(NEXT_BLKP(bp))) = extra_size;
    GET_SIZE(FTRP(NEXT_BLKP(bp))) = extra_size;
  ....
}
```

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Coalescing after Free

```
void mm_free(void *bp) {
  GET_ALLOC(HDRP(bp)) = 0;
  coalesce(bp);
}
```

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Coalescing Free Blocks

```
void *coalesce(void *bp) {
  size_t prev_alloc = GET_ALLOC(HDRP(PREV_BLKP(bp)));
  size_t next_alloc = GET_ALLOC(HDRP(NEXT_BLKP(bp)));
  size_t size = GET_SIZE(HDRP(bp));
  ....

  return bp;
}
```

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Coalescing Free Blocks

```
void *coalesce(void *bp) {
  size_t prev_alloc = GET_ALLOC(HDRP(PREV_BLKP(bp)));
  size_t next_alloc = GET_ALLOC(HDRP(NEXT_BLKP(bp)));
  size_t size = GET_SIZE(HDRP(bp));

  if (prev_alloc && next_alloc) {              /* Case 1 */
    /* nothing to do */
  }
  ....
}
```

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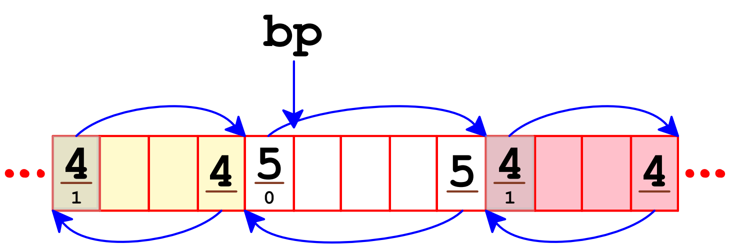
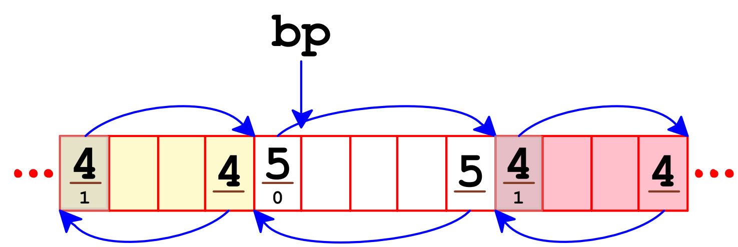


no merge



Coalescing Free Blocks

```
void *coalesce(void *bp) {
  size_t prev_alloc = GET_ALLOC(HDRP(PREV_BLKP(bp)));
  size_t next_alloc = GET_ALLOC(HDRP(NEXT_BLKP(bp)));
  size_t size = GET_SIZE(HDRP(bp));
  ....

  else if (prev_alloc && !next_alloc) {      /* Case 2 */
     size += GET_SIZE(HDRP(NEXT_BLKP(bp)));
     GET_SIZE(HDRP(bp)) = size;
     GET_SIZE(FTRP(bp)) = size;
  }
  ....
}
```

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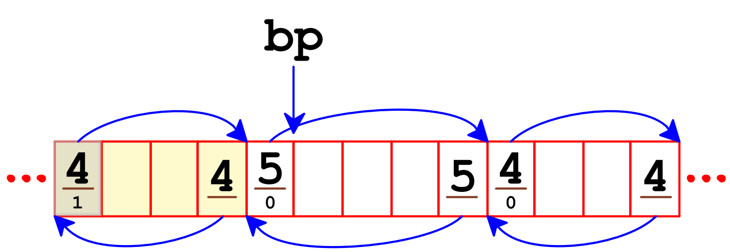
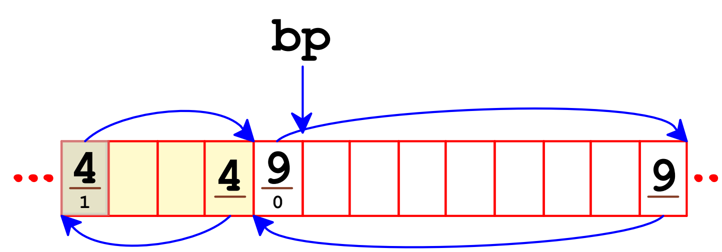


merge with next block



Coalescing Free Blocks

```
void *coalesce(void *bp) {
  size_t prev_alloc = GET_ALLOC(HDRP(PREV_BLKP(bp)));
  size_t next_alloc = GET_ALLOC(HDRP(NEXT_BLKP(bp)));
  size_t size = GET_SIZE(HDRP(bp));
  ....

  else if (!prev_alloc && next_alloc) {      /* Case 3 */
    size += GET_SIZE(HDRP(PREV_BLKP(bp)));
    GET_SIZE(FTRP(bp)) = size;
    GET_SIZE(HDRP(PREV_BLKP(bp))) = size;
    bp = PREV_BLKP(bp);
  }
   ....
}
```

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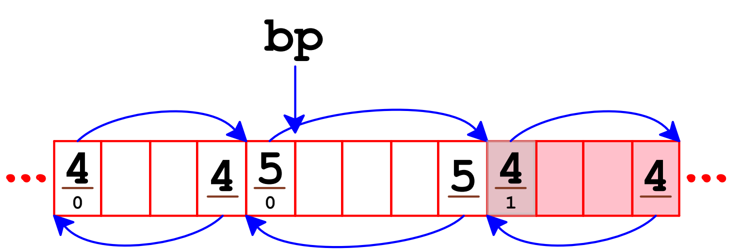
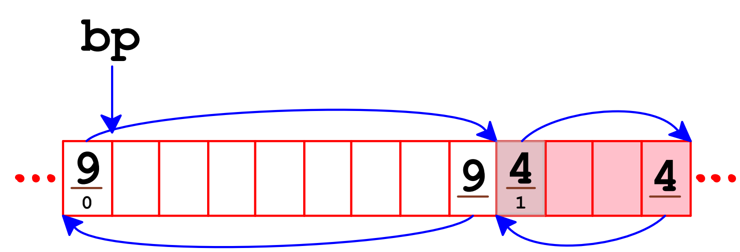


merge with previous block



Coalescing Free Blocks

```
void *coalesce(void *bp) {
  size_t prev_alloc = GET_ALLOC(HDRP(PREV_BLKP(bp)));
  size_t next_alloc = GET_ALLOC(HDRP(NEXT_BLKP(bp)));
  size_t size = GET_SIZE(HDRP(bp));
  ....

  else {                                          /* Case 4 */
    size += (GET_SIZE(HDRP(PREV_BLKP(bp)))
             + GET_SIZE(HDRP(NEXT_BLKP(bp))));
    GET_SIZE(HDRP(PREV_BLKP(bp))) = size;
    GET_SIZE(FTRP(NEXT_BLKP(bp))) = size;
    bp = PREV_BLKP(bp);
  }
  ....
}
```

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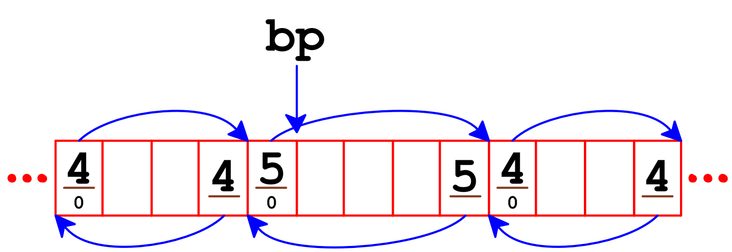
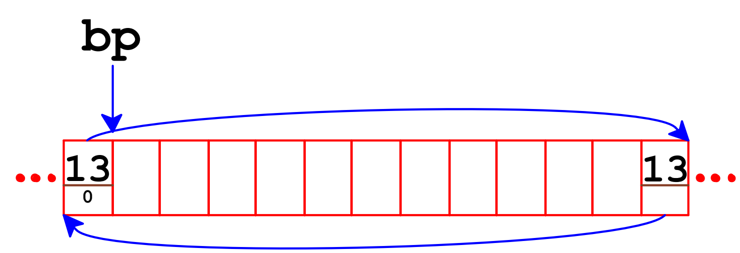
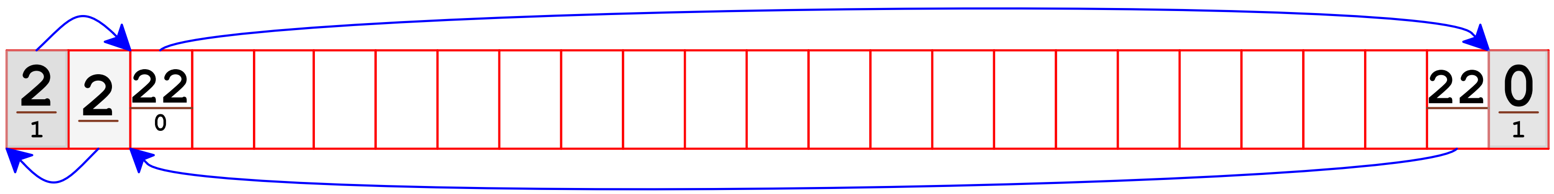


merge with
both blocks



Prolog Block

Create a prolog block so **`coalesce`** can always look backwards




```
int mm_init() {
  ....
 mm_malloc(0); /* never freed */
  ....
}
```

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